

# AAM for FAA/NASA Research Roundtable

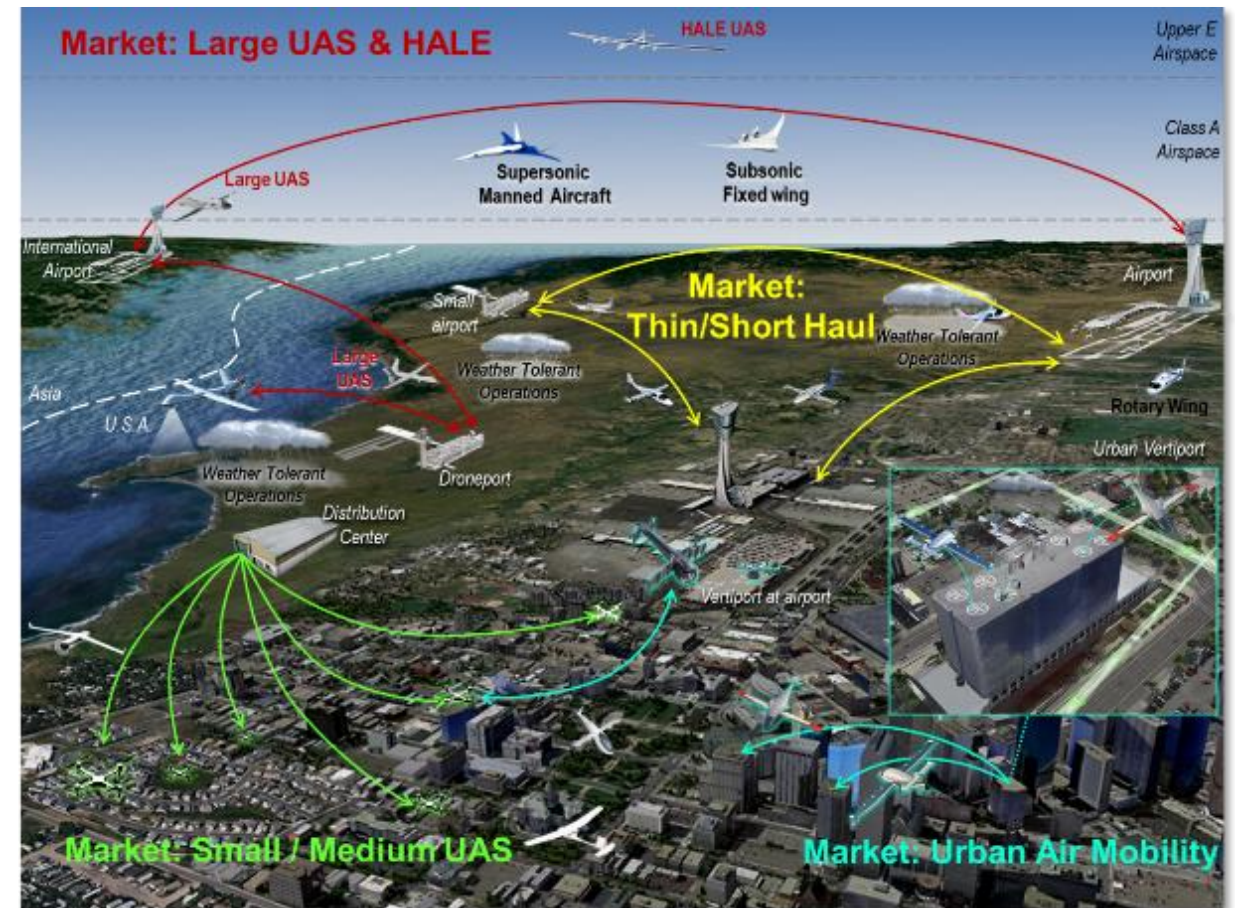
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# Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Focus on UAM

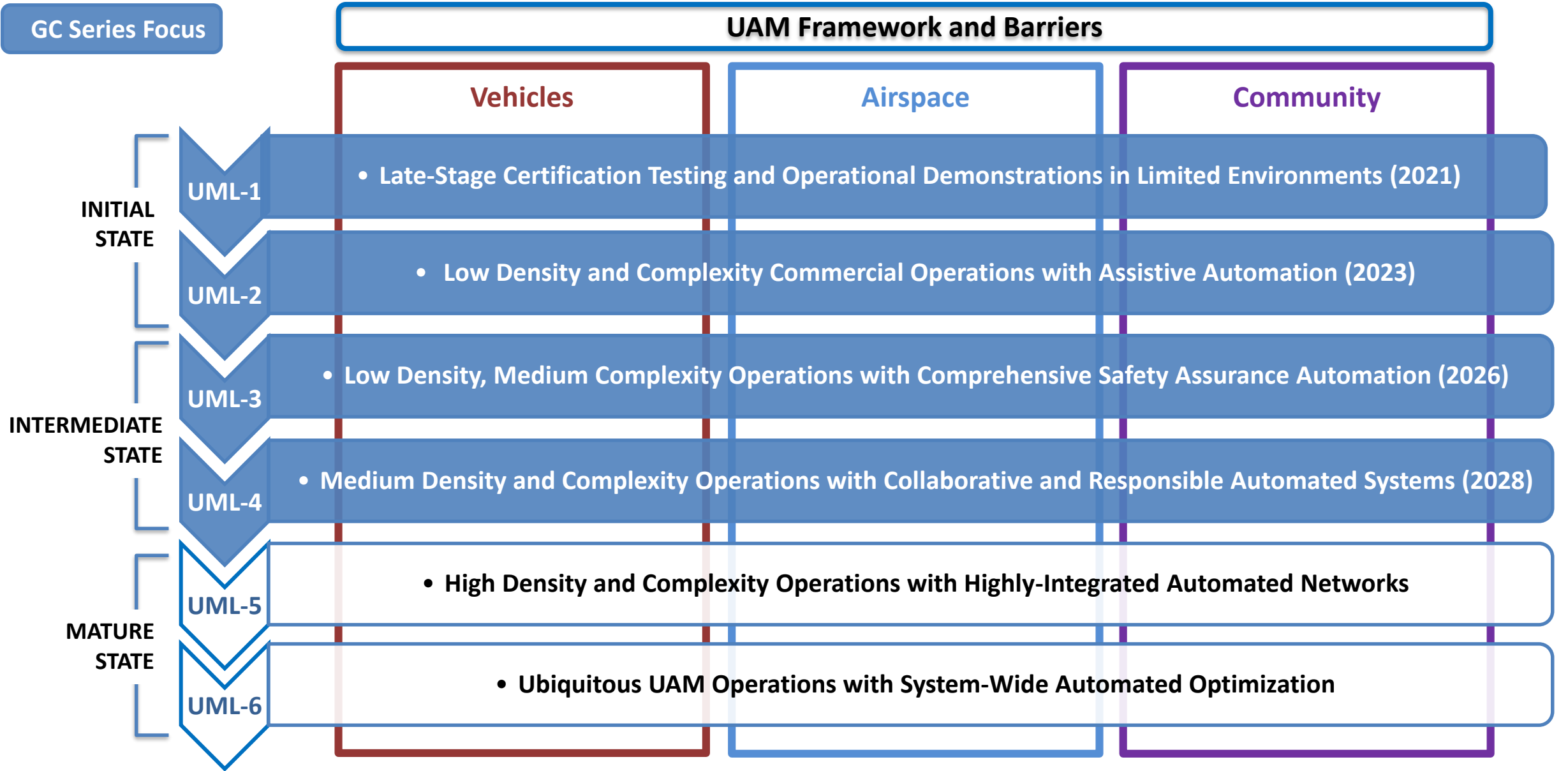
- The AAM Project is responsible for working across ARMD to develop and implement an integrated plan for enabling Emerging Aviation Markets (EAM) that will provide substantial benefit to the US public and industry
- The AAM scope spans Emerging Aviation Markets (EAM)
  - s/mUAS,
  - Thin/Short Haul
  - Urban Air Mobility (UAM)
  - Large UAS & HALE
- UAM investments exceed several billion dollars, domestically and internationally, and US leadership is essential
- Focusing the AAM effort around the UAM challenges can provide significant benefit towards a broad set of EAM missions



*AAM is prioritizing UAM to advance Emerging Aviation Markets*



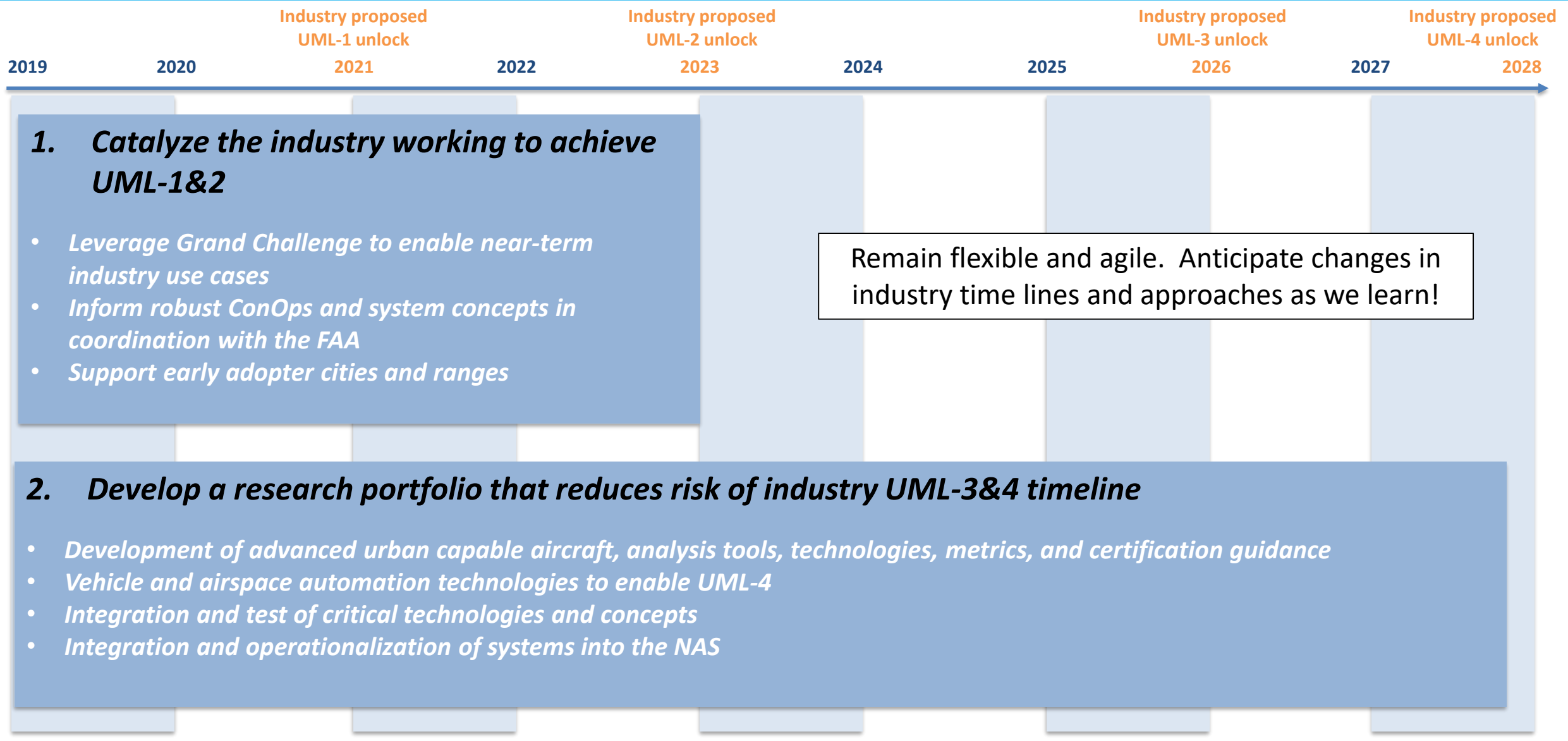
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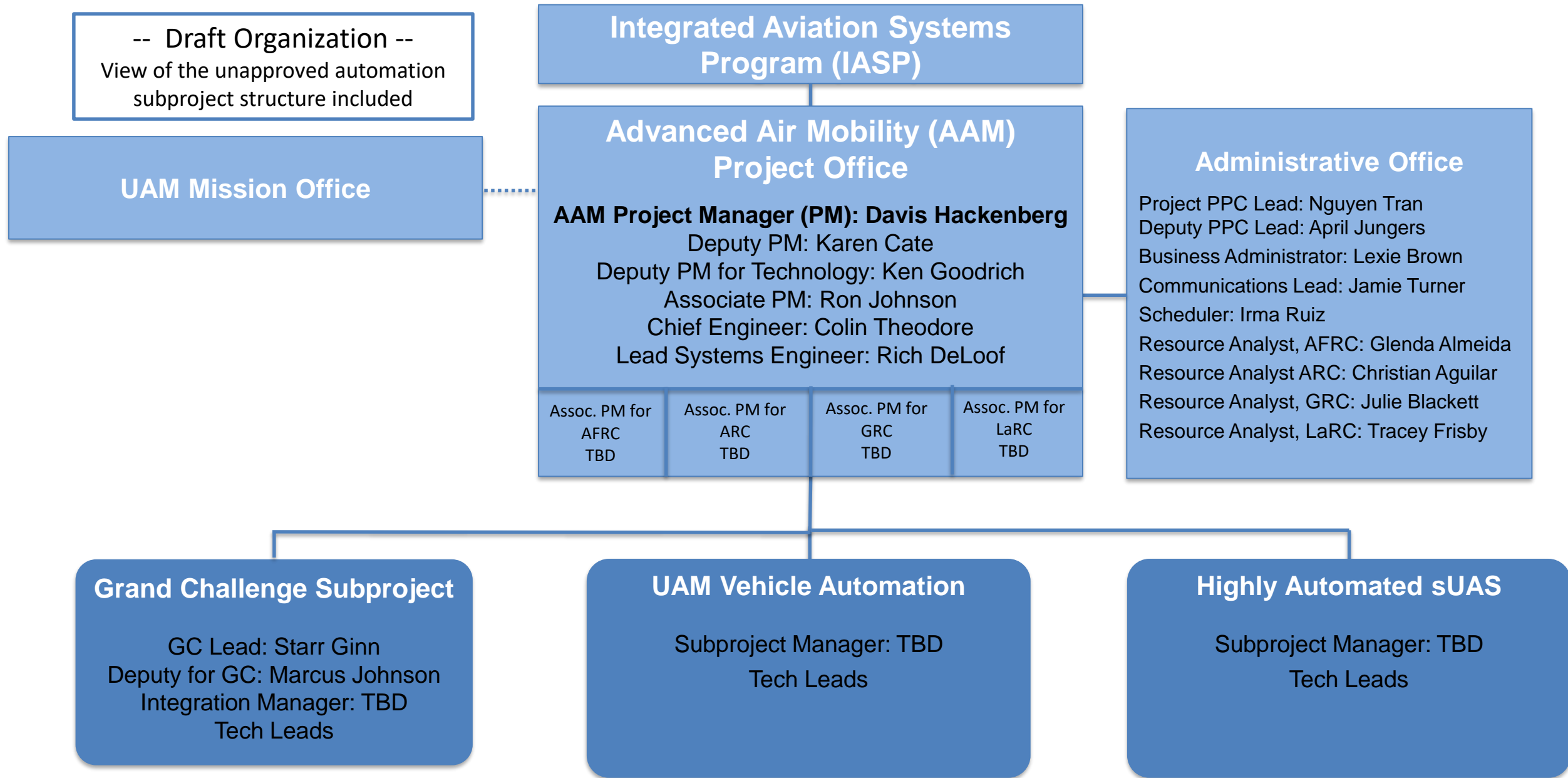
# ARMD Top UAM Priorities







# DRAFT: AAM Project Organization





# The First UAM Grand Challenge

## Goal

Improve UAM safety and accelerate scalability through integrated demonstrations of candidate operational concepts and scenarios

## Objectives

1. Accelerate Certification and Approval
2. Develop Flight Procedure Guidelines
3. Evaluate the CNS Trade-Space
4. Demonstrate an Airspace Operations Management (AOM) Architecture
5. Characterize Community Concerns

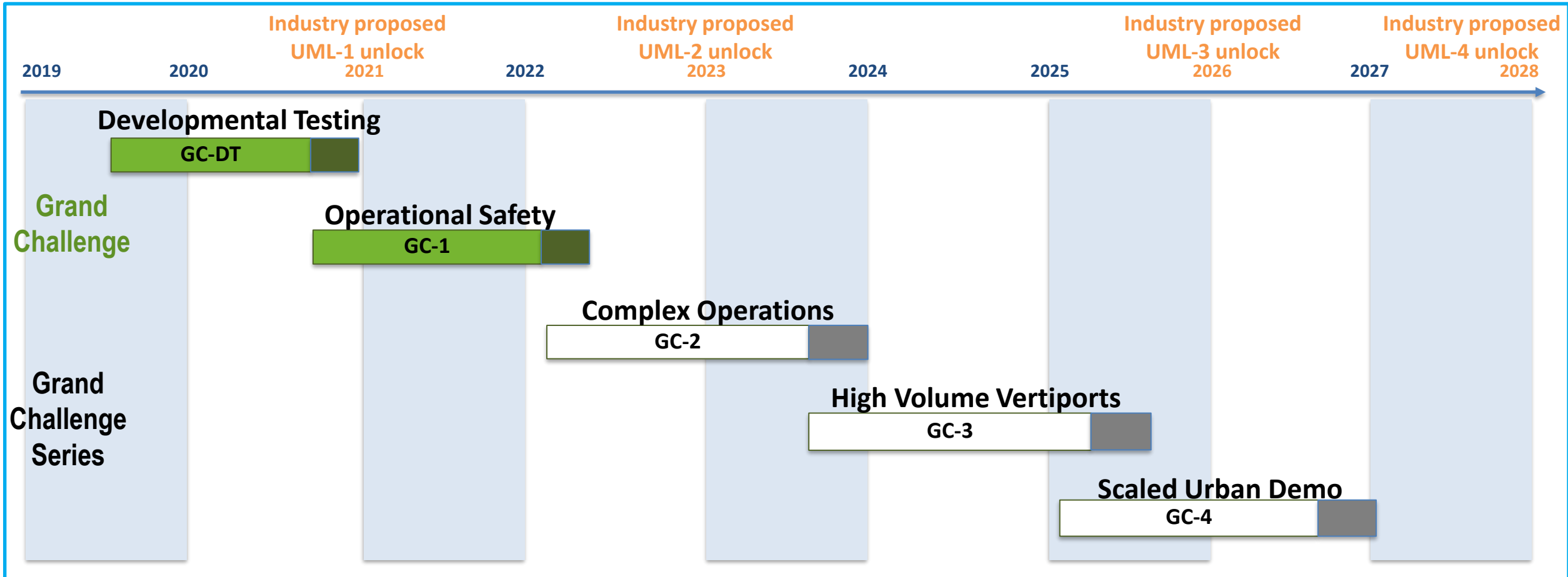






# UAM GC Series Support of Industry Proposed Timeline

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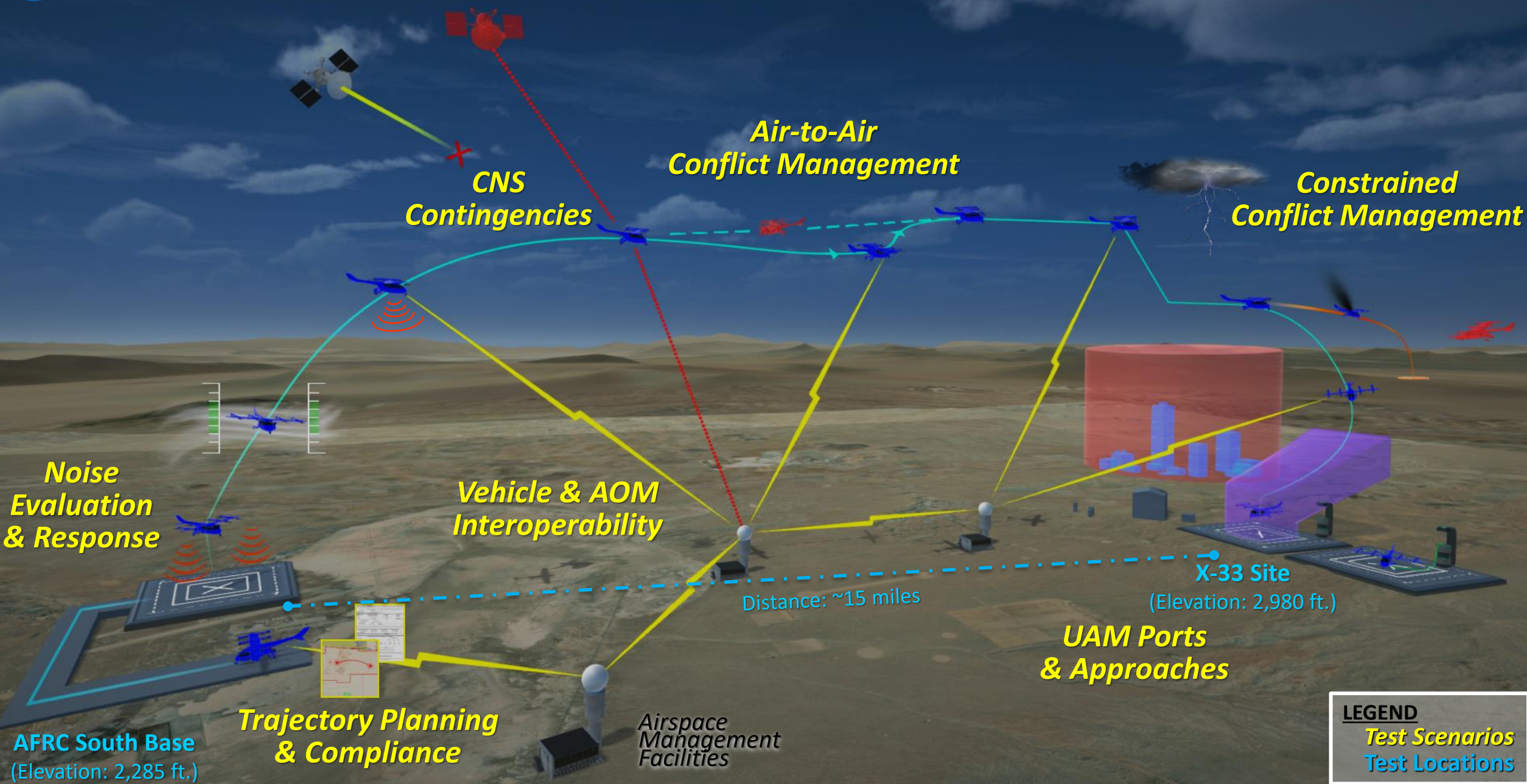


- Industry proposed timeline is aggressive and subject to delays; agility is essential
- GC-DT and GC-1 are designed to accelerate safe operational integration concepts for UAM
- GC Series progression defined, but intended to remain flexible/agile:
  - GC focused on achieving UML-4
  - Each GC can be an “off-ramp” to relevant UML unlocks, but GC progression is dependent on industry readiness and commitments



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# NASA's First Grand Challenge (GC-1) OV-1



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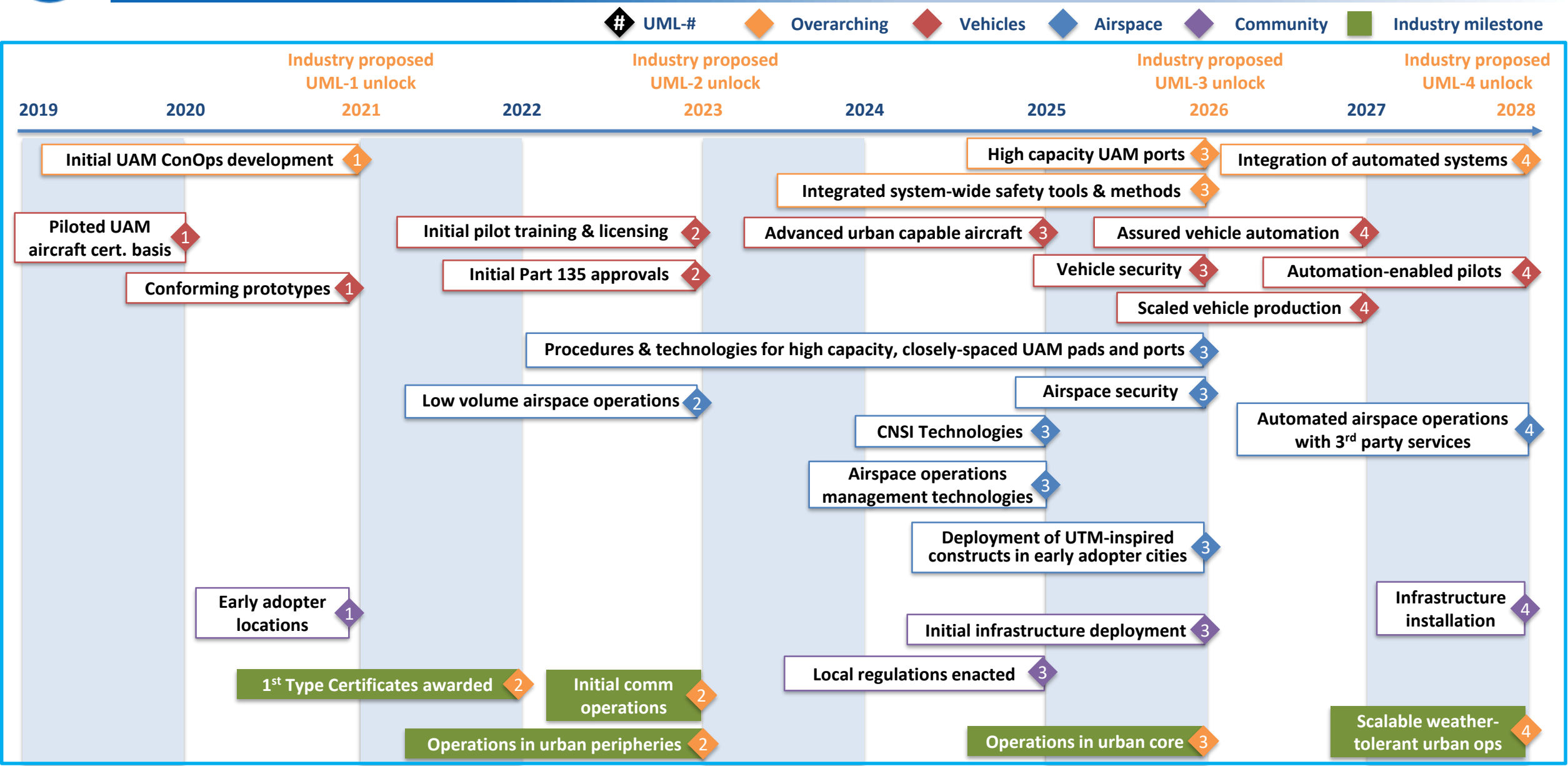
Test Scenarios

Test Locations





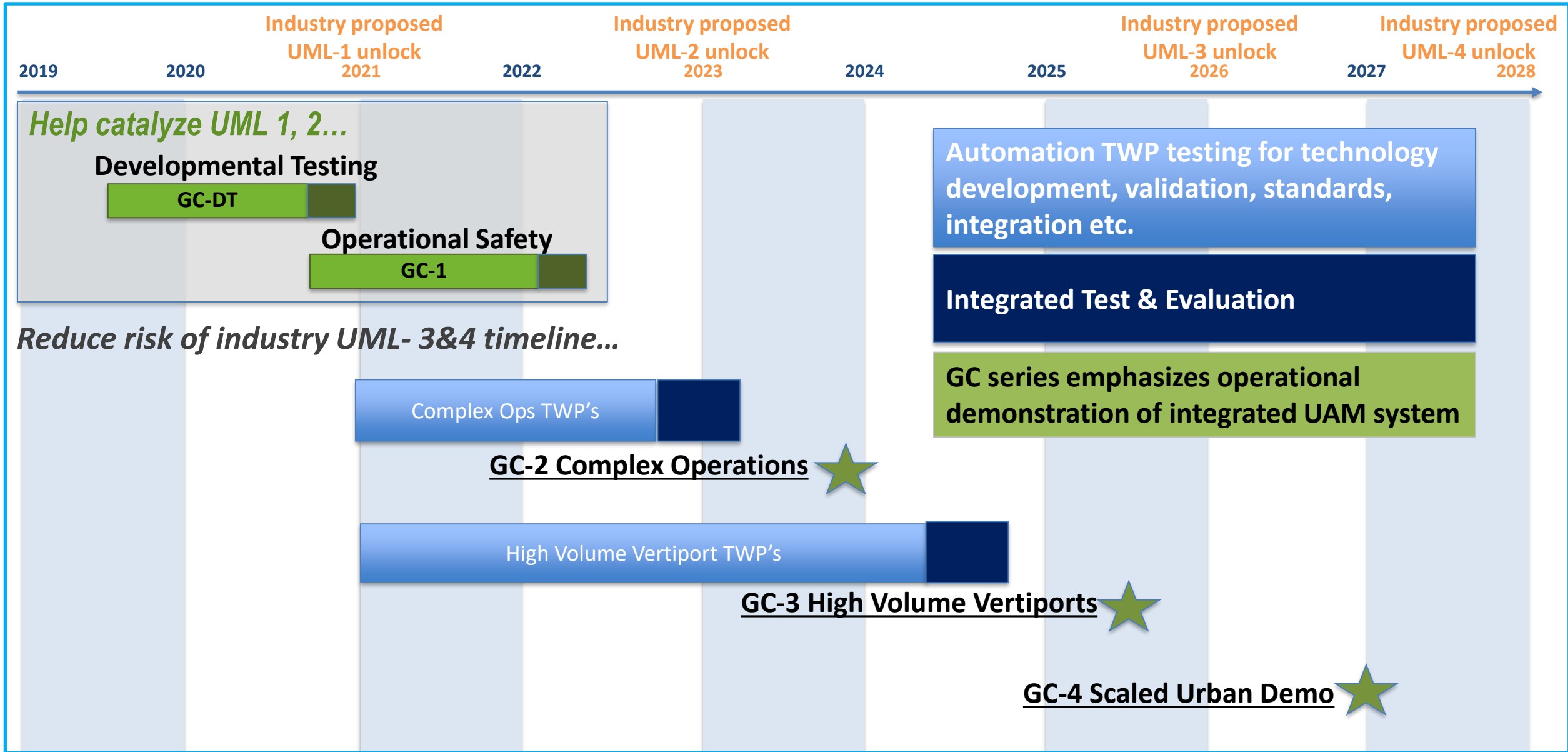
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# UAM Vehicle Automation Approach

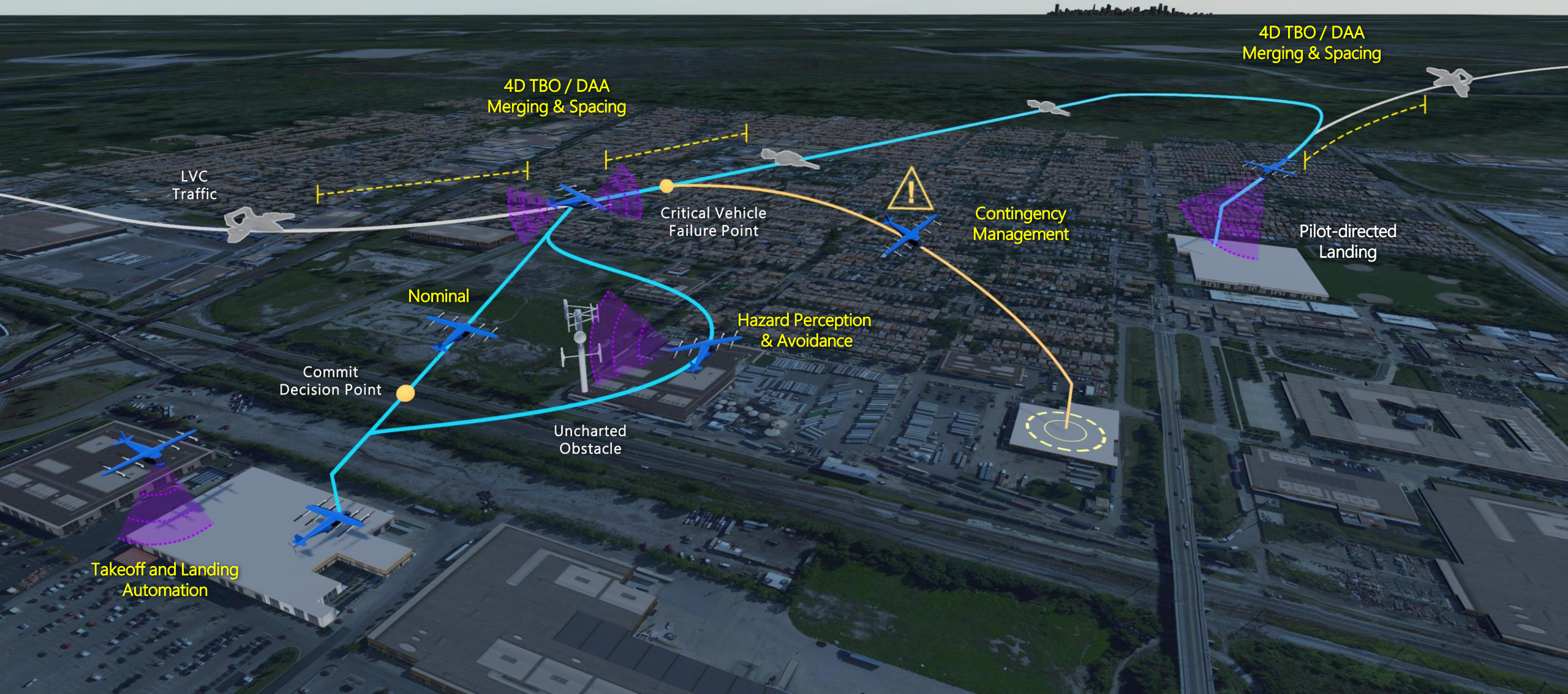






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# NASA GC-2 Complex OperationsOV-1







# AAM Automation Scope

Focus Areas	Scope	Community progress	
		Emerging progress	Mature progress
Integration of Automated Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Integrated system concepts and supporting requirements &amp; standards for highly-automated vehicle, airspace, and infrastructure systems.</li><li>Vehicle/human-automation teaming patterned on vehicle holding role/responsibility of first-officer/pilot flying while human pilot (on- or off-board) has high-level command authority</li></ul>		
Automation-Enabled Pilots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guidelines and standards for revising and validating pilot/operator functions, certification and experience requirements (e.g. Parts 61, 91, 135) based on changes to roles, responsibilities, and authorities due to appropriately designed, highly-automated aircraft</li></ul>		
Assured vehicle Automation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Flight-system concepts and technologies enabling effective, fault-tolerant, certifiable, automated functions (e.g. perception, autoland, contingency management, etc) to help pilots</li></ul>		
Integrated Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Integration of security considerations and requirements into overall system architecture with an emphasis within AAM on physical and cybersecurity of the vehicle segment and operations</li></ul>		
Scalable CNSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Trade-studies, requirements, and technology options for CNSi considerations necessary for highly-automated UAM systems and operations</li></ul>		





# Urban Air Mobility Mission Office Overview for the FAA-NASA Research Roundtable February 19, 2020





# Background: Urban Air Mobility (UAM) at NASA

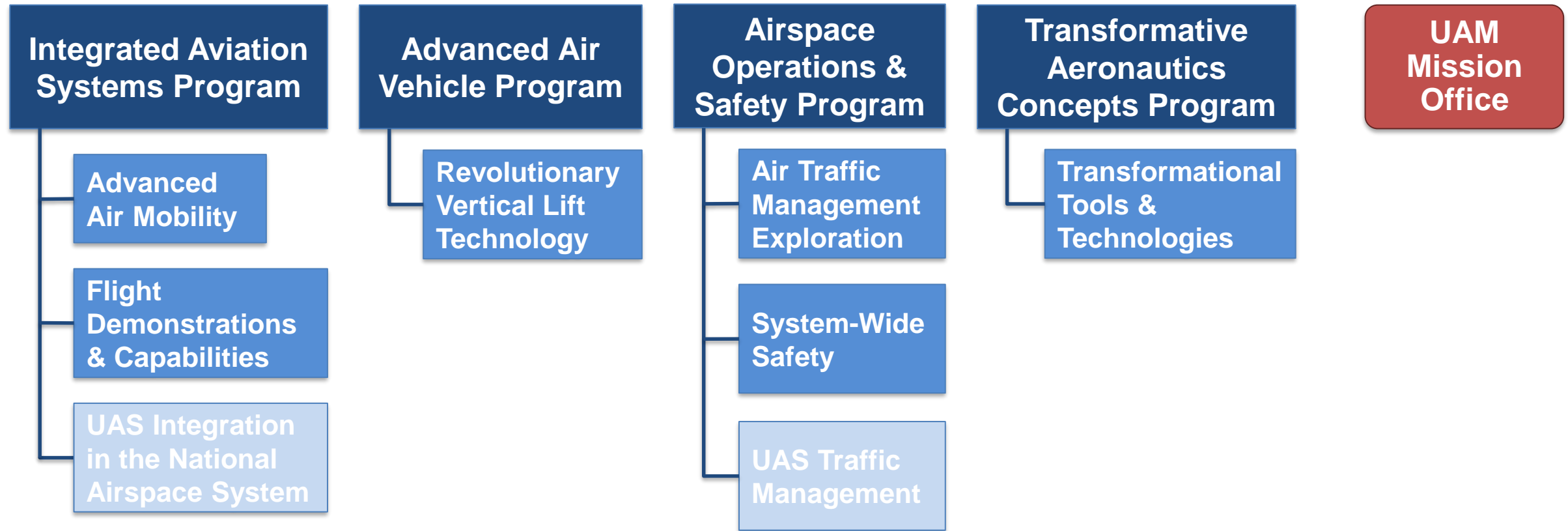
- UAM work within NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate (ARMD) is growing out of multiple, parallel paths: largely on-demand mobility, UAS (of all kinds), & rotorcraft research
  - Significant past/ongoing efforts include Green Flight Challenge, UAS Integration into the NAS, Zip Aviation Study, Greased Lightning (GL-10), UAS Traffic Management (UTM), X-57, ODM Roadmapping Workshops, RVLTL
- UAM Coordination & Assessment Team (UCAT)
  - Formed in early 2018; sunset end of FY19
  - Provided recommendations for an ARMD approach to enable the emergence and growth of safe, practical, and accessible UAM systems
  - Performed initial planning and formulation of the UAM Grand Challenge (GC)
  - Sponsored multiple system and feasibility studies<sup>†</sup>
- New UAM Mission Office (UMO) is planning to
  - Monitor and recommend investments supporting UAM to ARMD
  - Coordinate research and outreach activities across ARMD
  - Steward development of a common UAM System Architecture, including a ConOps and "Book of Requirements and Guidelines"



<sup>†</sup>Public links to results of many of these studies are located in backup slides



# ARMD Organization with UAM-Related Projects

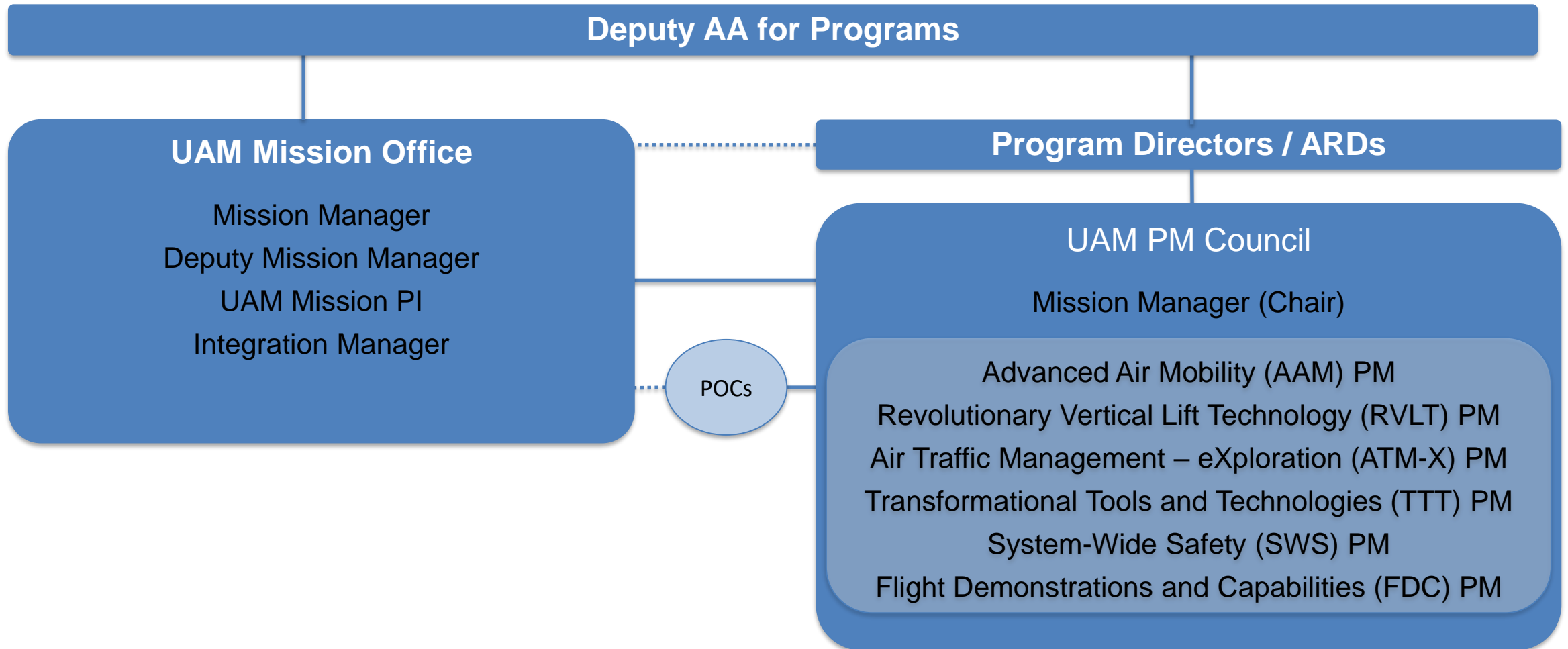


*ARMD to develop a “UAM Mission Plan” that enables synchronization of all projects’ UAM-related efforts*





# UAM Mission Office (UMO)

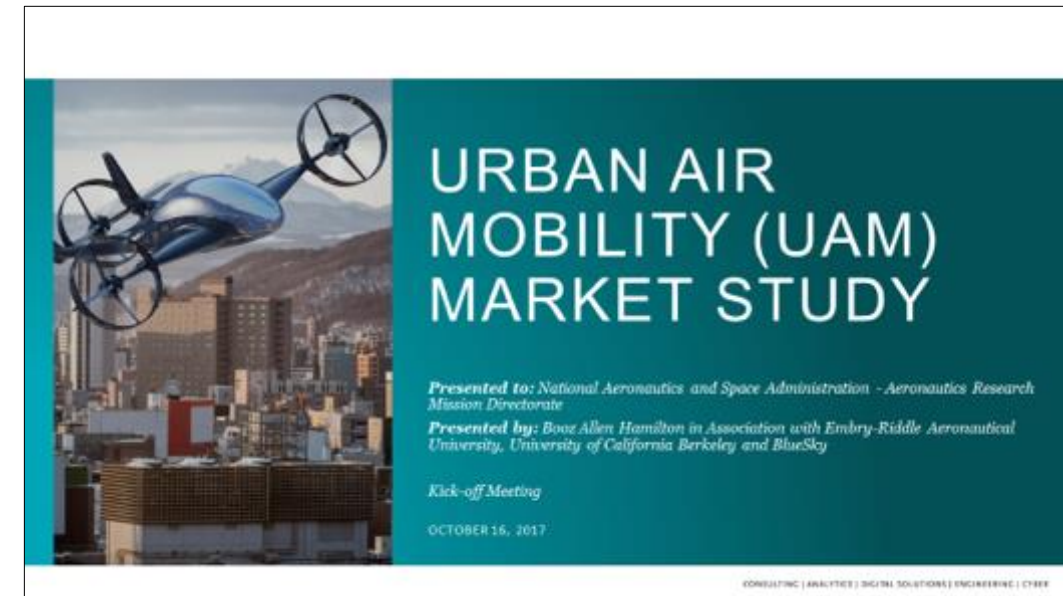




# Urban Air Mobility Market Studies

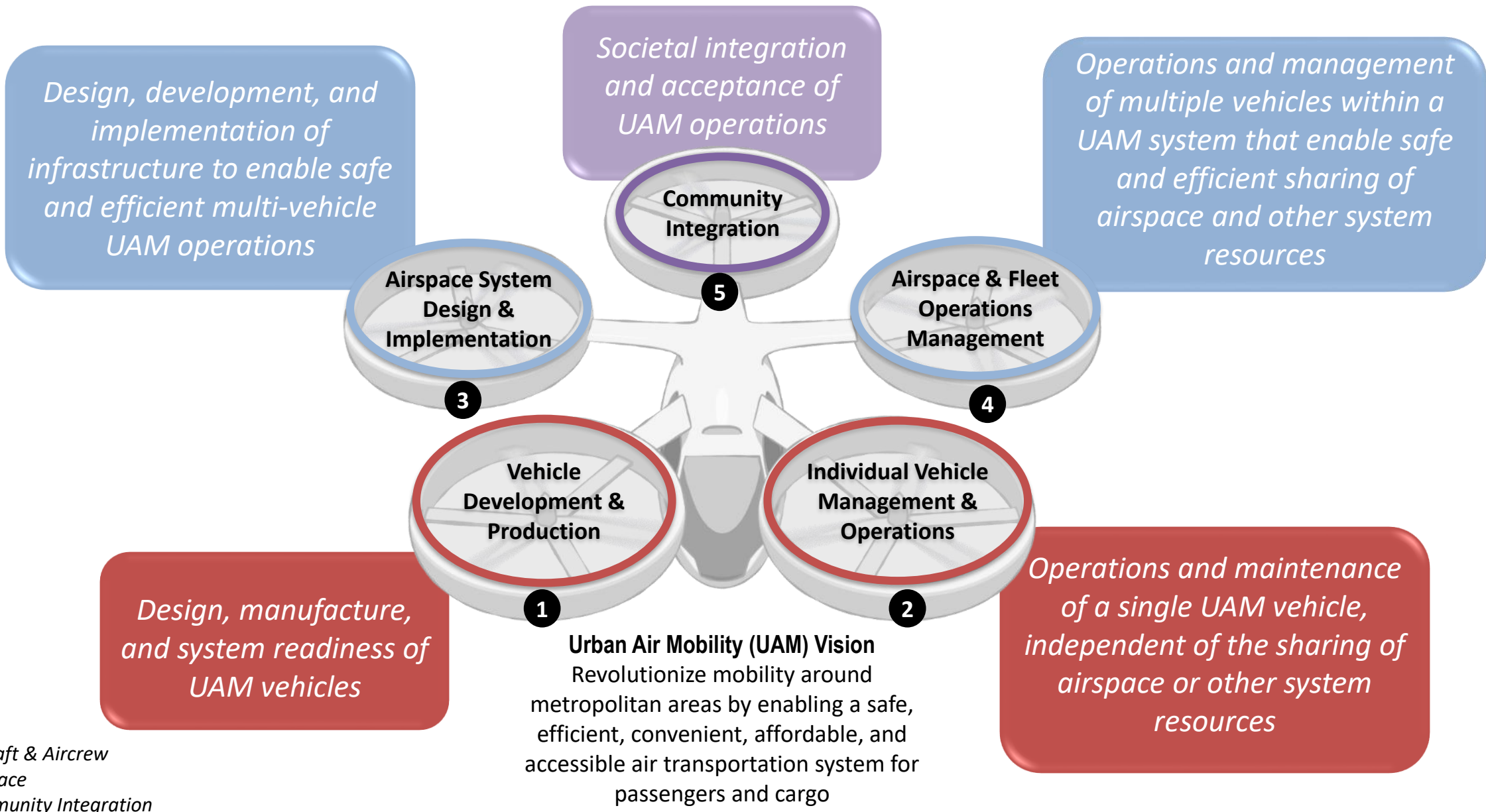
- ARMD funded two UAM market studies that included
  - Several air taxi/metro models, air ambulance, and last-mile package delivery
  - Considerations for different urban areas, legal and regulatory barriers, & social acceptance issues
- UAM market studies generally found that UAM has economically viable use cases if many challenges are overcome
- Large variability in specific predictions across studies based on differences in assumptions
- Overview of Results:
  - Some assumptions show by ~2028 a highly-automated “air metro” could be profitable and by ~2030 result in ~750M annual passenger trips in 15 metro areas or ~137k pax trips/day/area
  - More conservative assumptions indicate a \$2.5B passenger transport market with ~8.2k pax trips/day/area
  - Air ambulance model may not be profitable, but have high impact on public good
  - By ~2030 “last mile package delivery” could be profitable and result in ~500M deliveries annually

Reports posted at <https://www.nasa.gov/uam-studies-reports/>





# UAM Vision and Framework



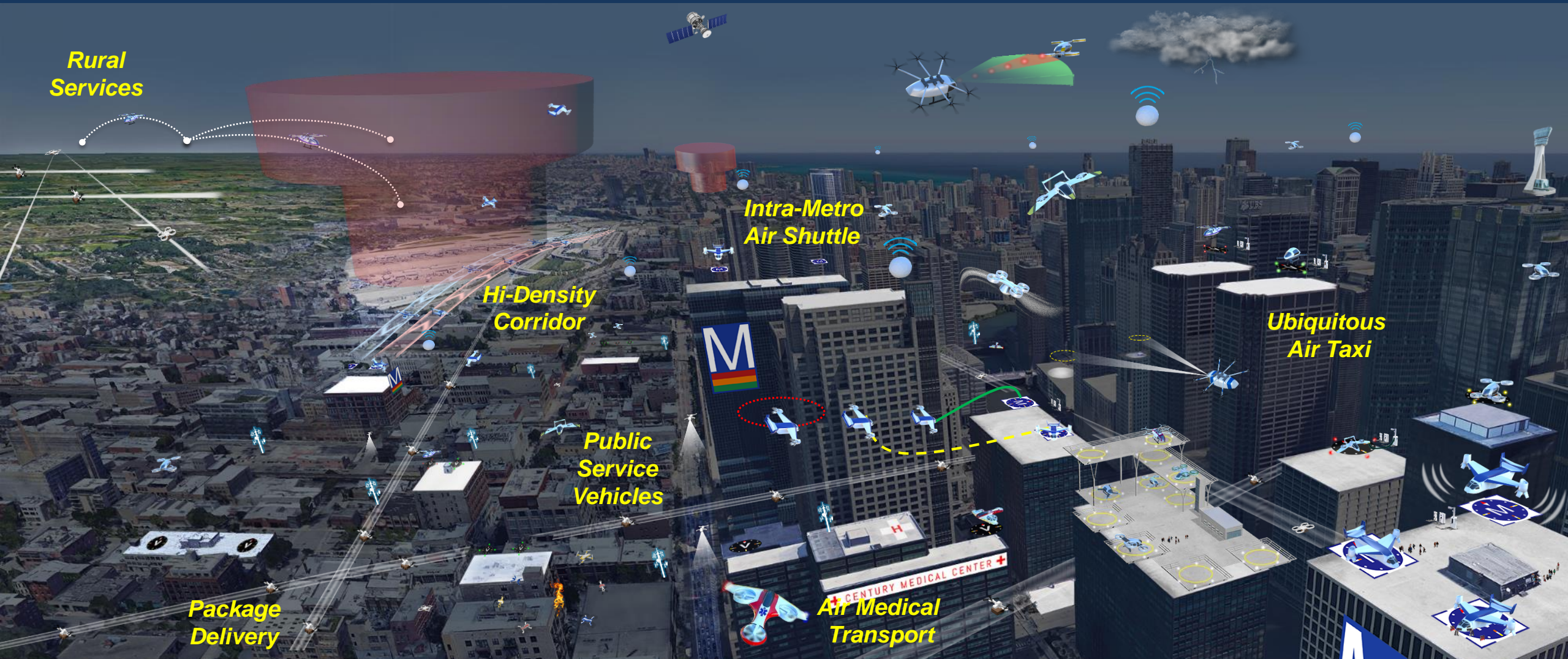
- Aircraft & Aircrew
- Airspace
- Community Integration
- # Pillar number





# ARMD UAM Goal

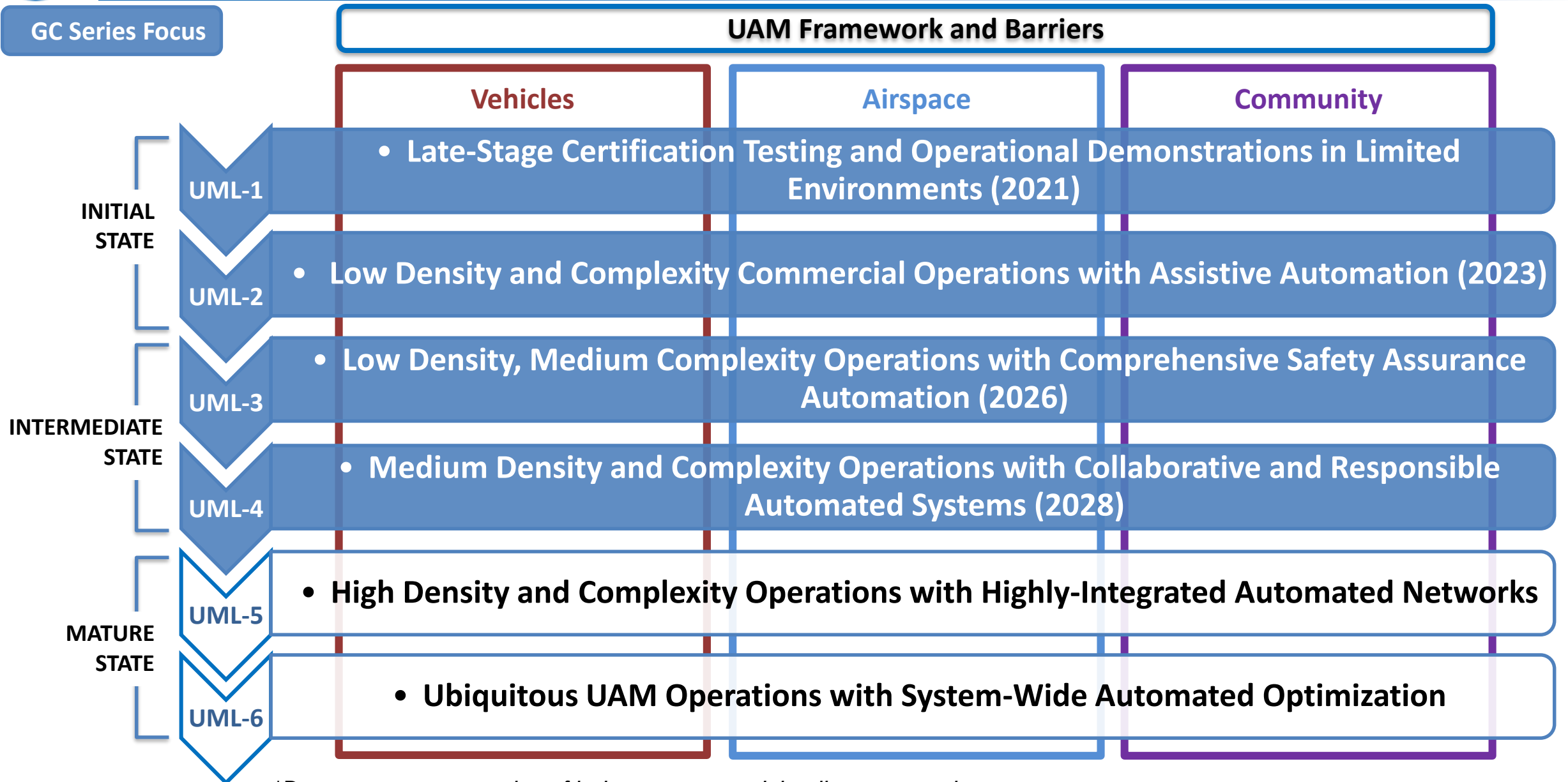
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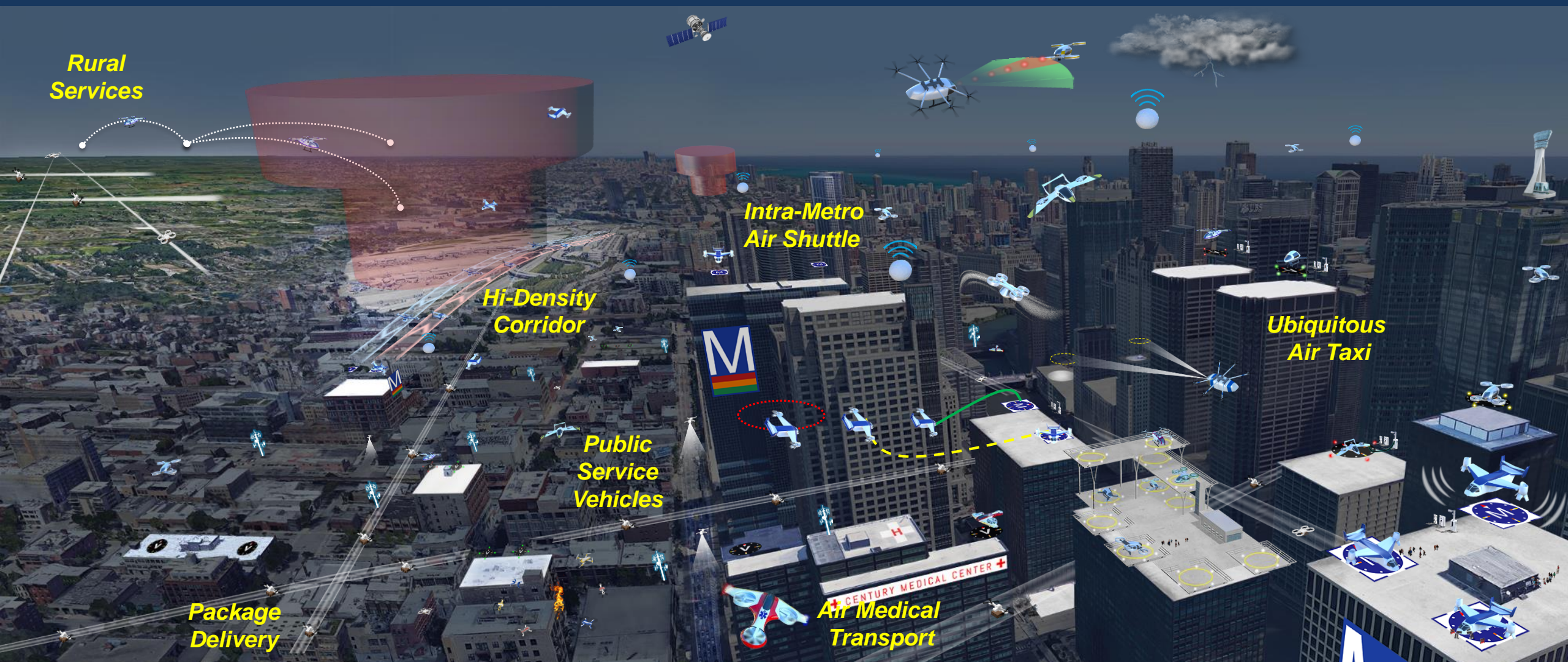
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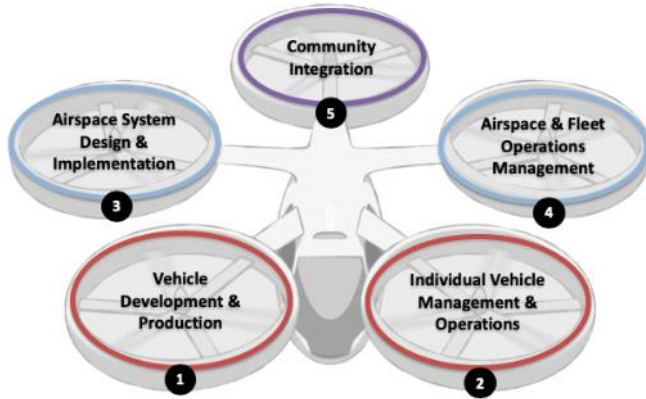


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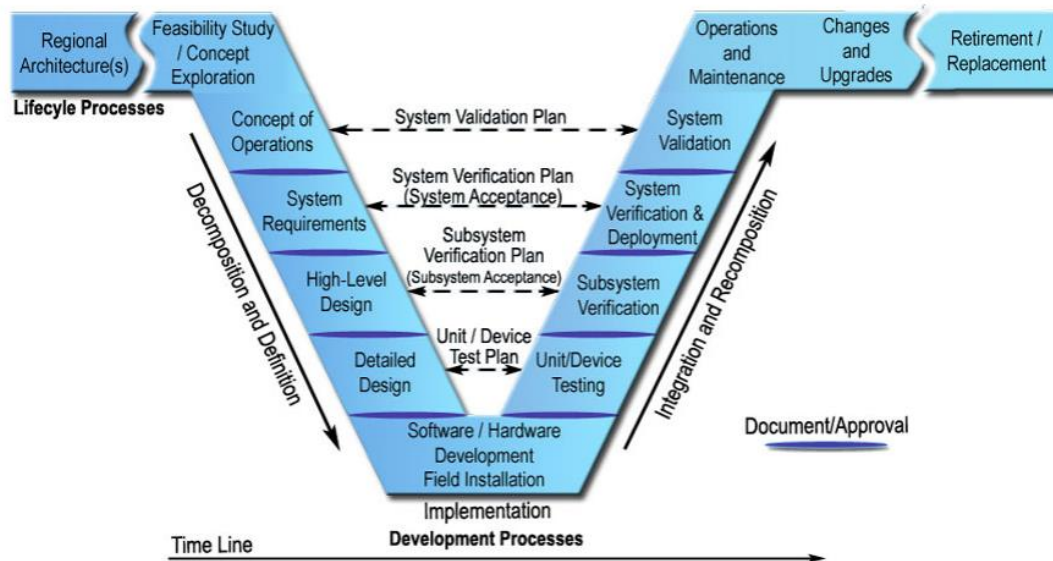


# UAM System Architecture



## “System Concept”

- Explore viable system concepts include target levels of safety, interoperability, user attributes, community integration, etc.
- Trade-space exploration across ConOps, system concepts, technologies, etc.
- Assess feasibility, scalability, cost, regulation, etc.
- Develop critical technology prototypes (e.g., UTM-construct, simplified piloting)



## “Book of Requirements and Guidelines” (BoRG)

- Validated system concept and architecture
- “Requirements” and Guidelines developed in concert with FAA and industry standards bodies
- Spans all 5 pillars
- May include standards, regulatory guidance, recommended practices, acceptance metrics, or etc.
- Foundation of detailed design for operationally deployed system

[<https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/seitsguide/seguide.pdf>]

***UAM System Architecture will catalyze the UAM Industry***



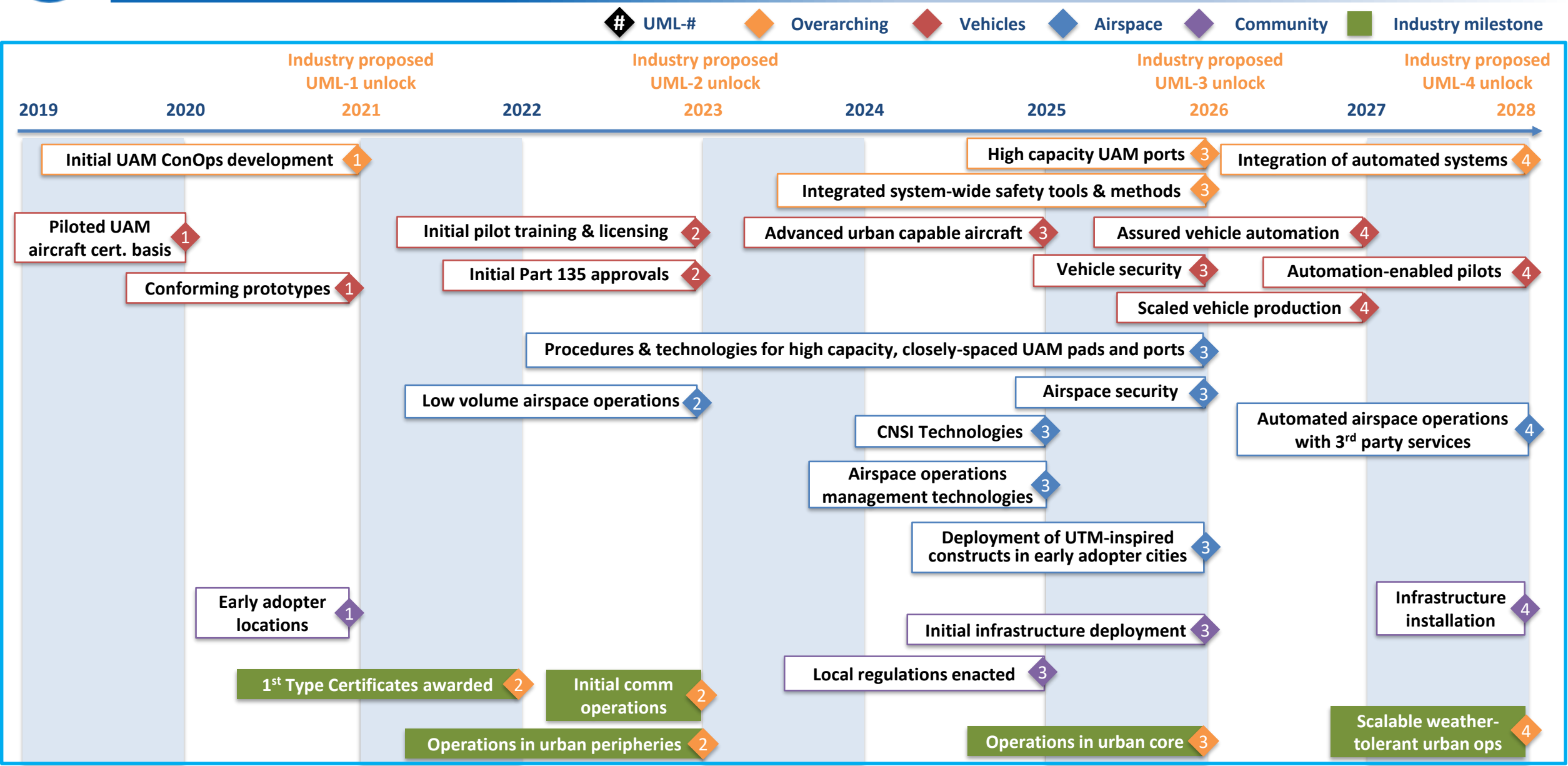


This aerial view of a city illustrates various urban air mobility services. The scene includes a large red, semi-transparent volume labeled "Hi-Density Corridor" extending from the city center towards the left. To the left, a yellow label "Rural Services" is positioned above a network of dotted lines connecting small aircraft. In the center, a yellow label "Public Service Vehicles" is placed near a building with a large blue "M" logo. Below this, a yellow label "Package Delivery" is located near a network of lines connecting small drones. To the right, a yellow label "Intra-Metro Air Shuttle" is positioned above a network of lines connecting small aircraft. Further right, a yellow label "Air Medical Transport" is placed near a building with a red cross logo. On the far right, a yellow label "Ubiquitous Air Taxi" is positioned above a network of lines connecting small aircraft. The cityscape is filled with various buildings, including a prominent one with a red cross logo labeled "CENTURY MEDICAL CENTER". The sky is dark with some clouds, and a satellite is visible in the upper left corner.

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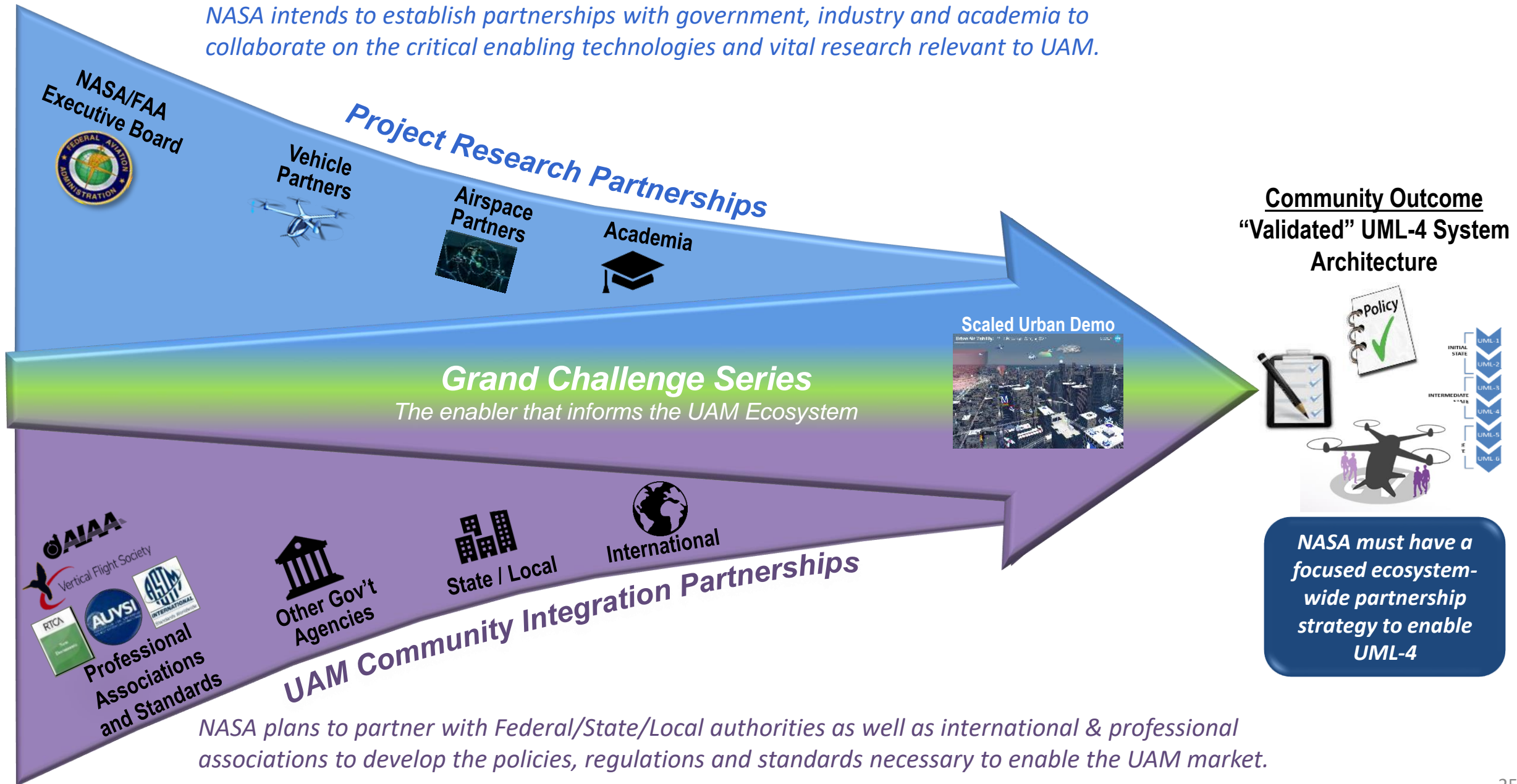
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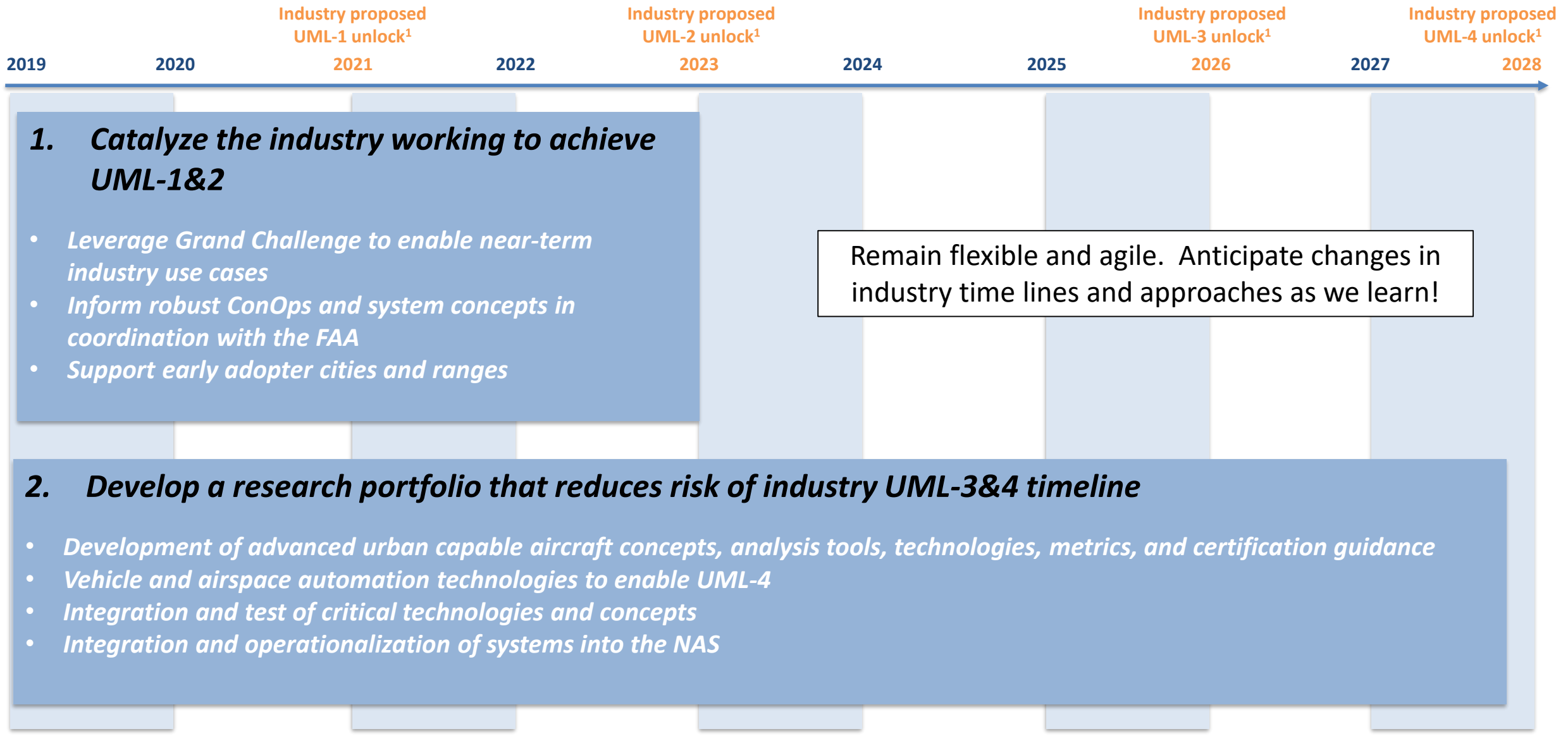
# NASA UAM Ecosystem Partnership Approach

*NASA intends to establish partnerships with government, industry and academia to collaborate on the critical enabling technologies and vital research relevant to UAM.*





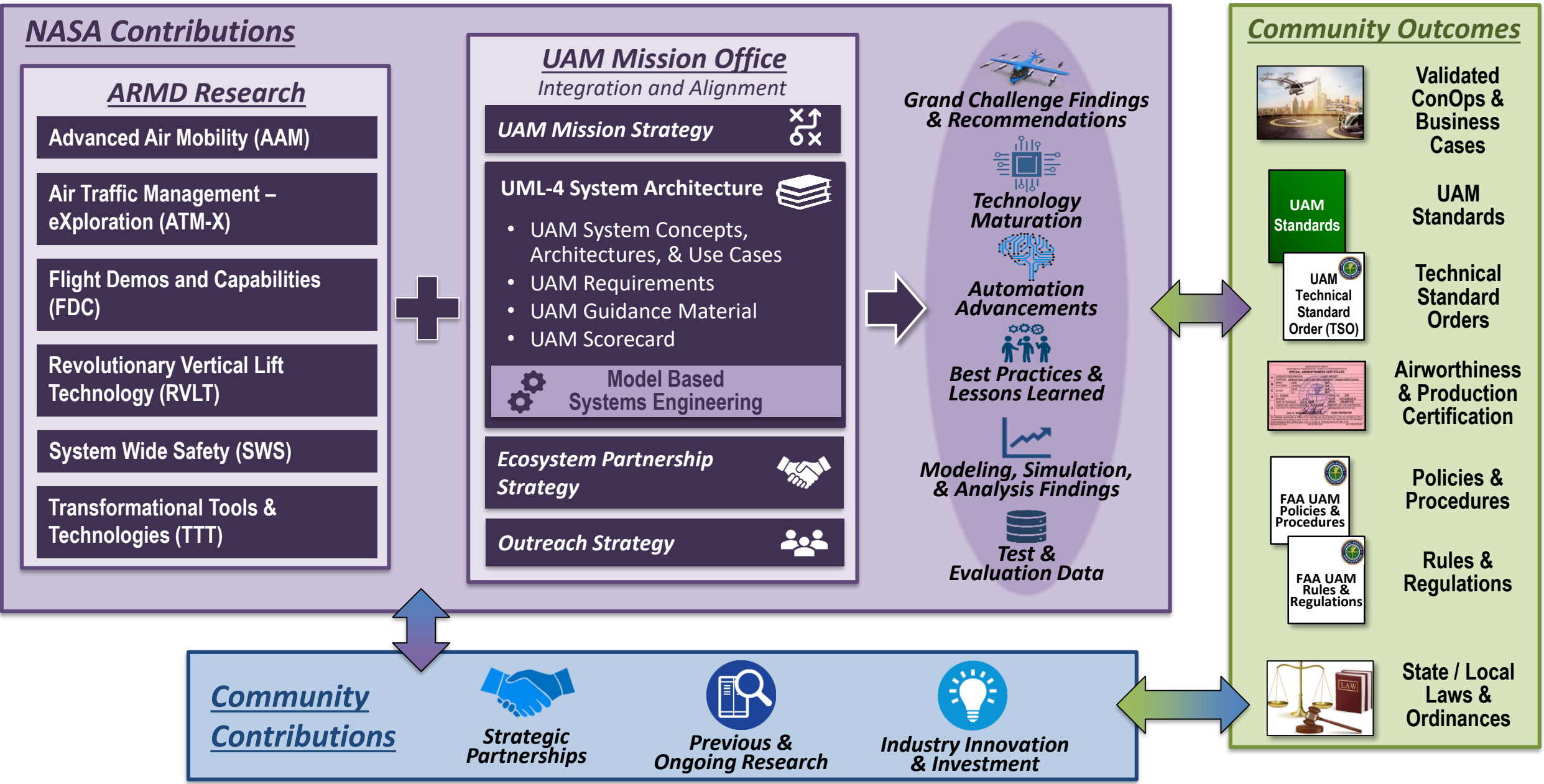
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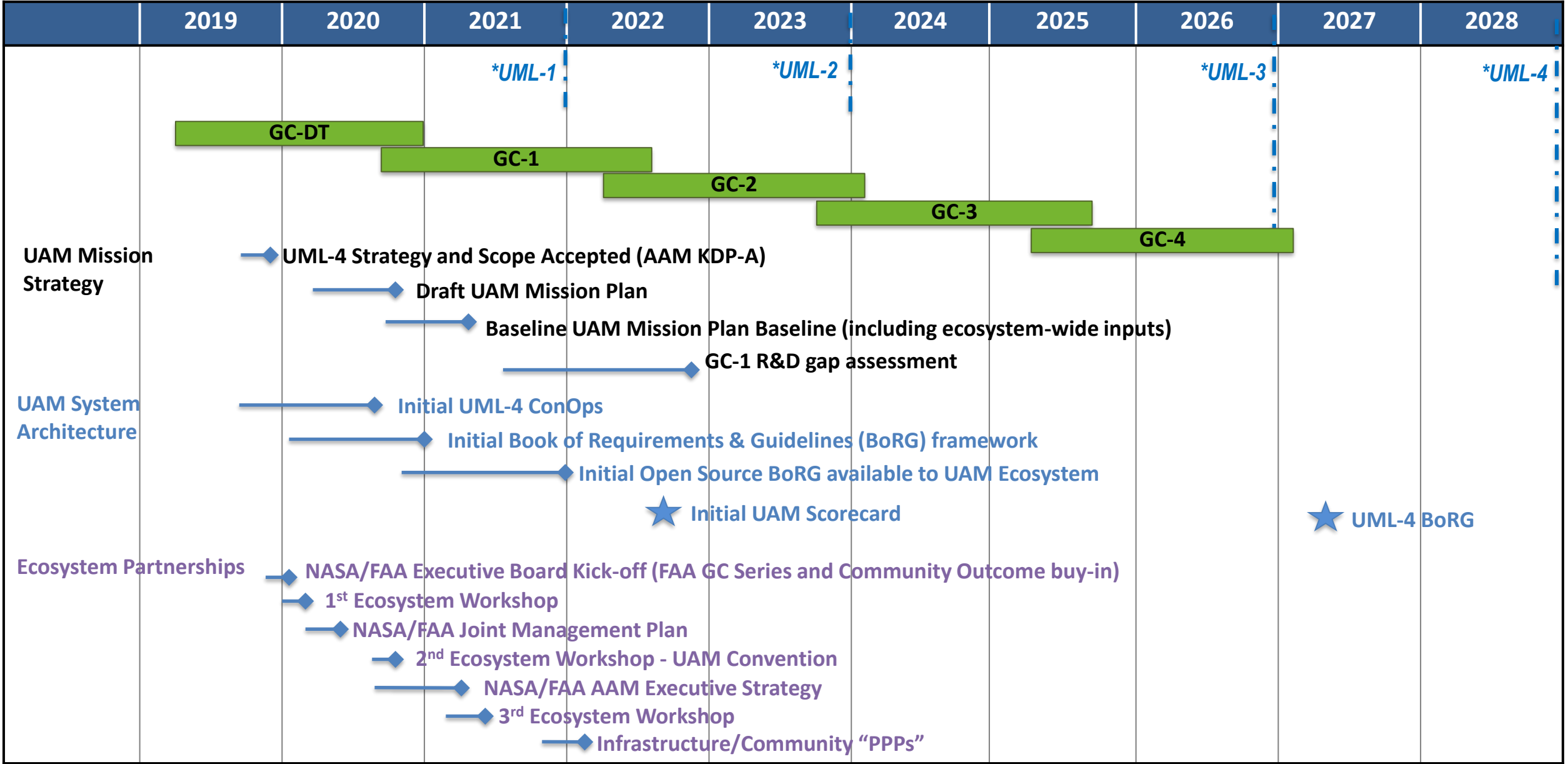
# UAM Contributions and Outcomes







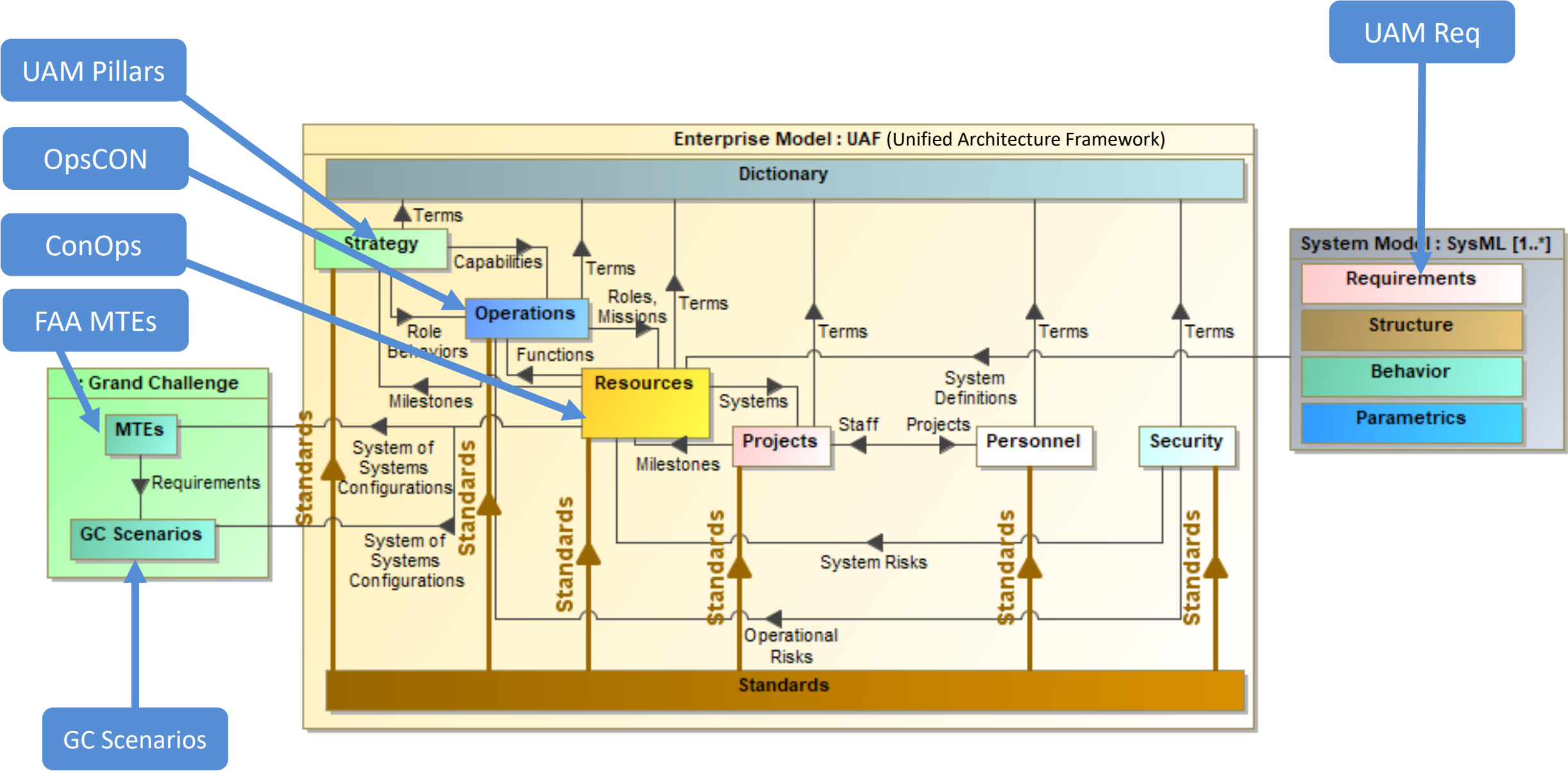
# UAM Mission Overview



\*Approximate, industry-proposed date for realizing capability



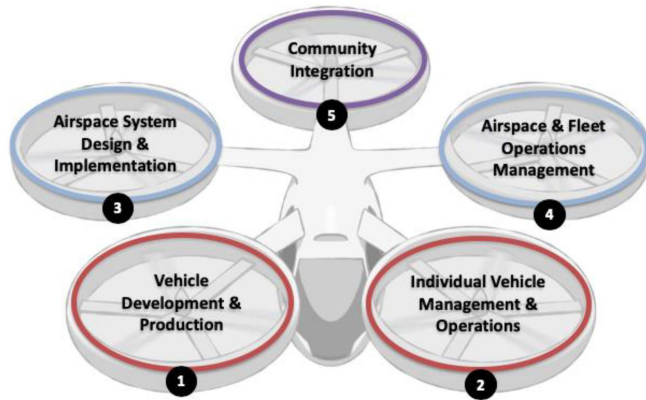
# Example MBSE Model for the UAM System Architecture



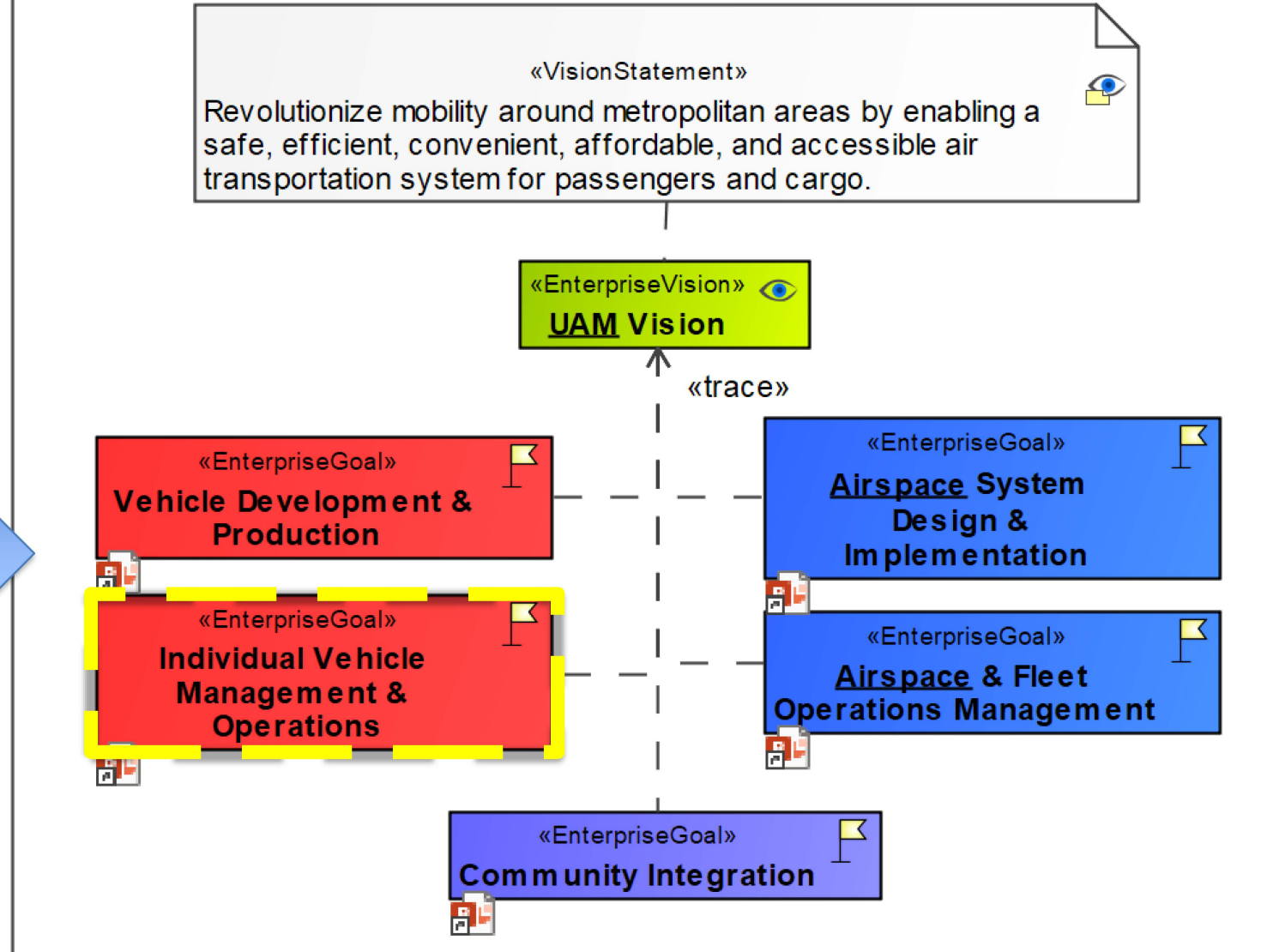
The following 3 slides dive down to lower levels of this example UAM System Architecture



# Example MBSE Model: Vision and Framework (Enterprise Goals)



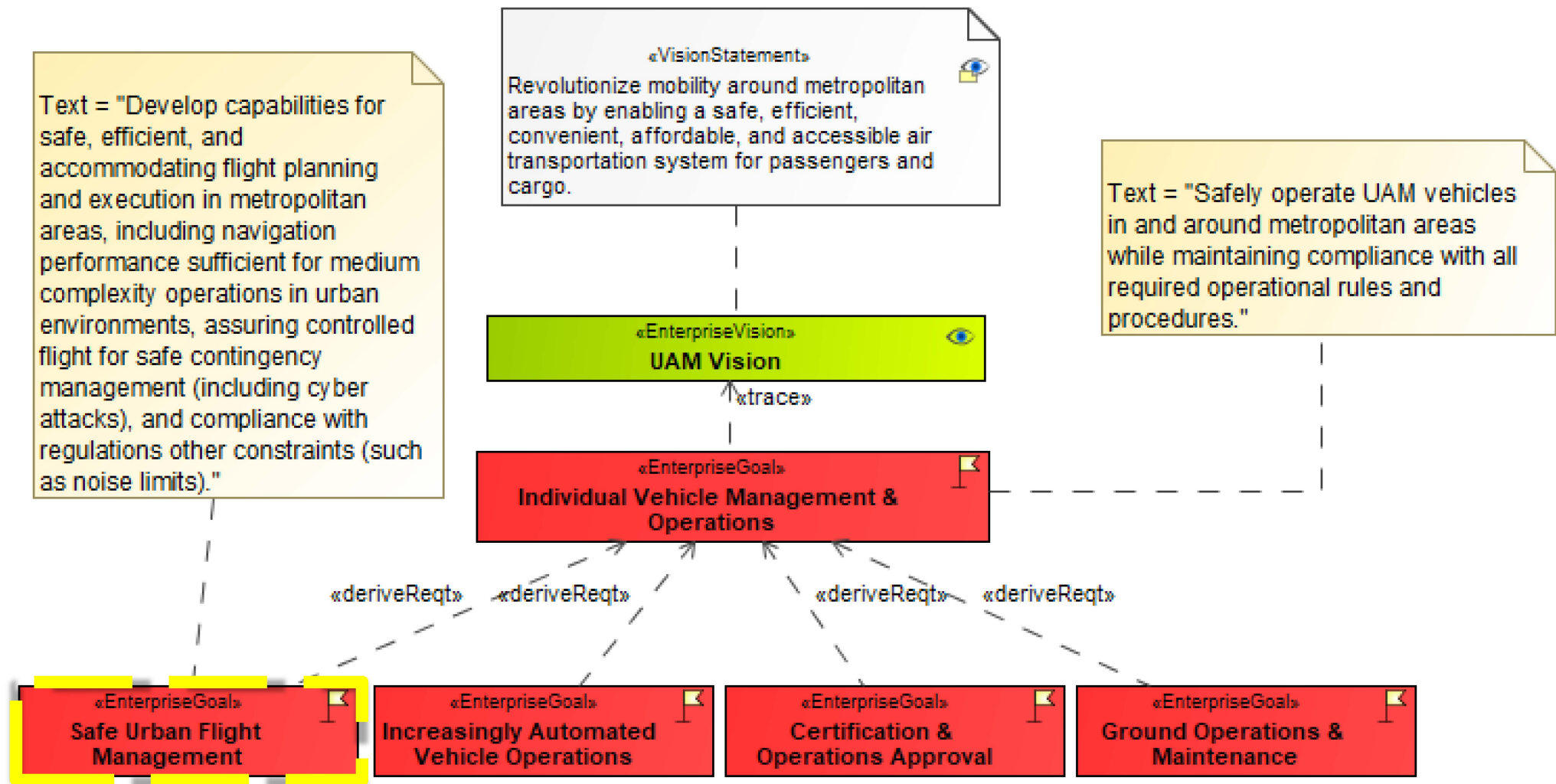
## Strategic Structure [ Top-Layer of Pillars ]








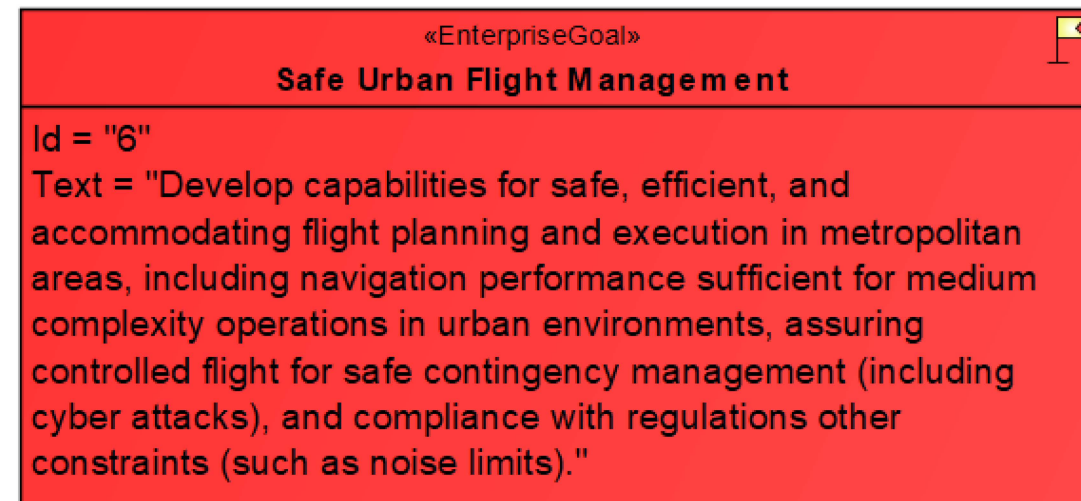
# Example MBSE Model: Operational Objectives (Enterprise Goals)



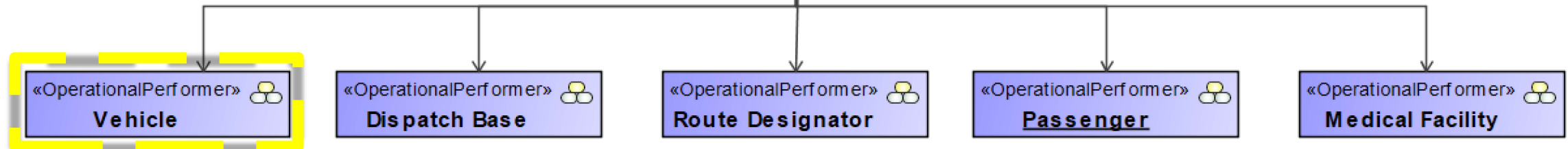
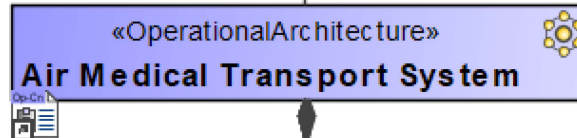


# Example MBSE Model: Deriving Operational Architecture from Goals

Operational Connectivity [  Urban Flight Management Connectivity ]



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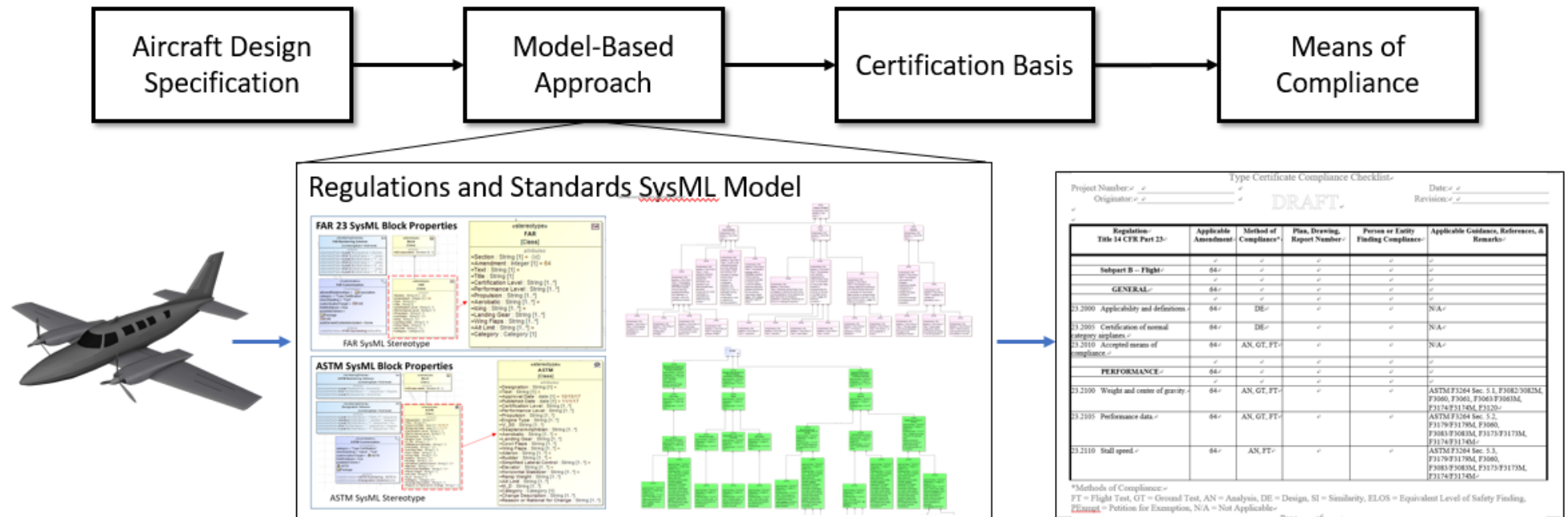
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# Another *Example* MBSE Model:

- From Simon Briceno et al. on a task for Nick Borer (Langley):

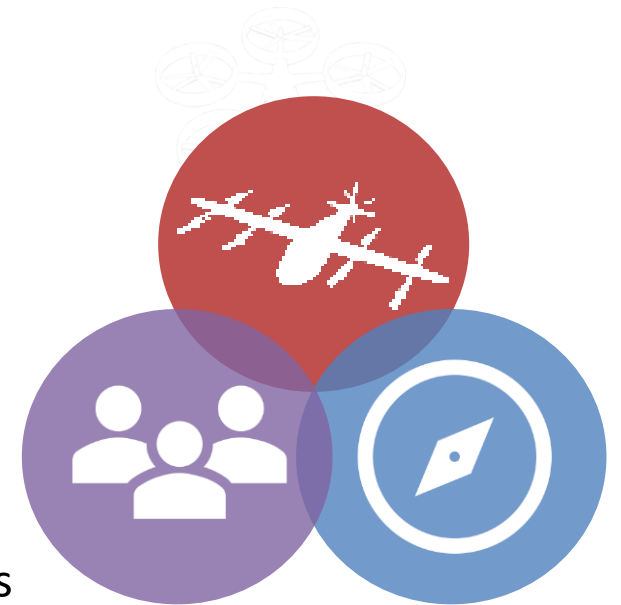
## A Model-Based Approach to Manage Type Certification





# Ecosystem Working Groups

- Background: UAM will require broad collaboration with formal commitments across the ecosystem to be successful
- Scope: Participants will include interested members of the UAM ecosystem with a desire to execute a holistic approach to address end-to-end UAM ecosystem challenges and pathways
- Deliverables: Each working group will deliver products across several critical areas
  - Convene industry to align on a common vision of UAM and mature a consensus UAM ConOps
  - Collectively identify and investigate key hurdles and associated needs, including critical milestones and timelines
  - “Validate” NASA GC Series and NASA UAM Mission Plan
- Execution:
  - March 10-12, 2020: Convene the first workshop as a kick-off for working groups
  - Regular working group meetings led by UMO and supported by NARI
  - Sept/October 2020: UAM Convention

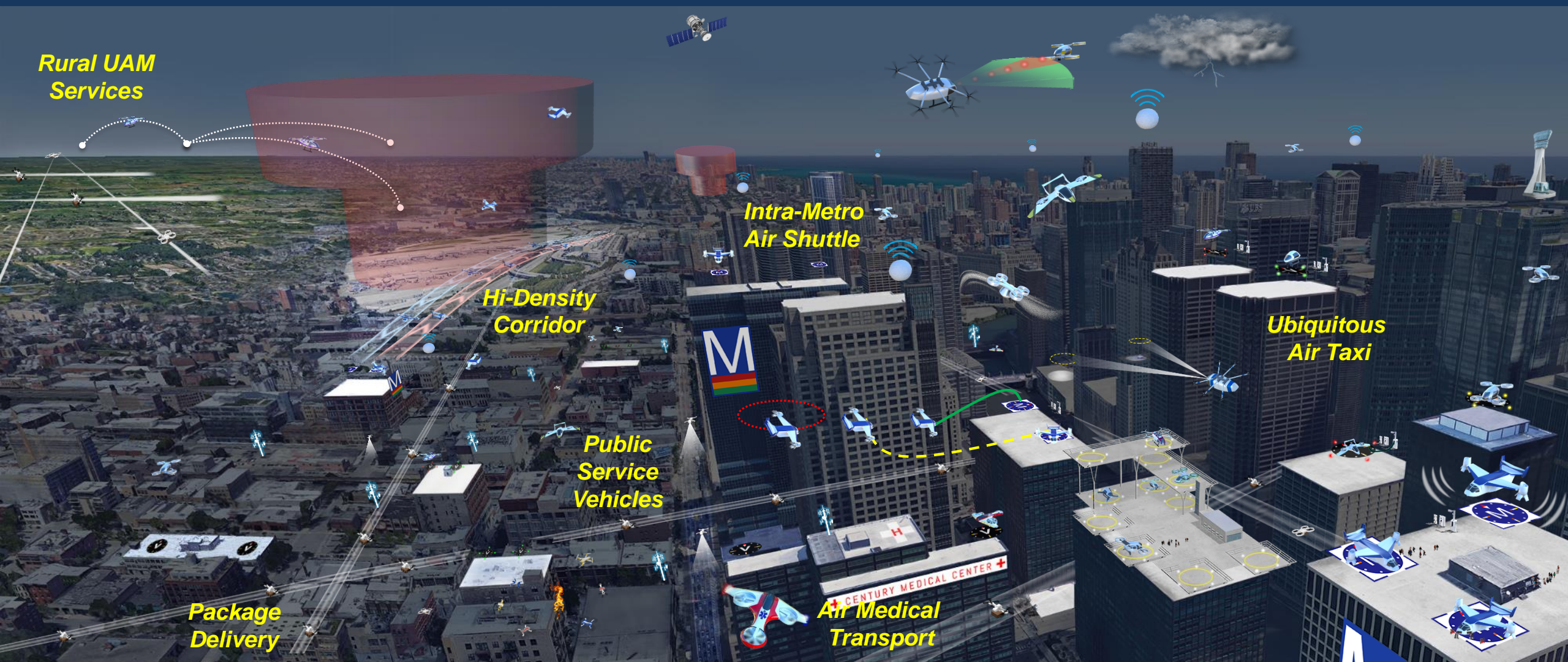






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# BACKUP



# Existing Public References from Select NASA-Sponsored UAM-Related Studies

- ODM Roadmapping Workshops Repository:
  - <http://www.nianet.org/ODM/roadmap.htm>
- Cargo Delivery with Electric VTOL Aircraft (Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech)
  - <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2018-2006>
- Electrical Infrastructure Study for UAM Aircraft
  - <https://www.bv.com/sites/default/files/eVTOL-Electric-Infrastructure-Study.pdf>
- Evaluation of Concepts of Operations for sUAS Package Delivery
  - <http://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2016-4371>
- Exploration of Potential MVP Missions for Passenger-Carrying UAM
  - <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2019-2872>
- Impact of Autonomous Ground Vehicles on UAM
  - <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2017-3280>
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- Investigation of STOL Applicability for Urban and Suburban Air Mobility
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  - <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2019-3121>
- Minimum Viable Mission
  - <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2019-2874>
- ODM Commuter Demand Studies:
  - <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2017-3082>
- Operational Aspects of On-Demand Mobility (some work ongoing)
  - <https://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/106937>
  - <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2017-3083>
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- Passenger Experience Exploration
  - <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/search.jsp?print=yes&R=20190028296>
- Paths to Autonomous Vehicle Ops for UAM
  - <https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/abs/10.2514/6.2019-3255>
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- UAM Market Studies
  - BAH (written report, detailed presentation, overview presentation):
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  - Crown Consulting (overview presentation, detailed presentation):
    - <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/search.jsp?print=yes&R=20190002046>
    - <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/search.jsp?print=yes&R=20190026762>
- UAM Requirements Sensitivity Analysis
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# Unlocking UML-4 Helps Enable<sup>‡</sup> Other UAM Missions

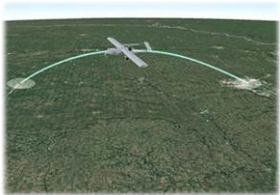
## *"Rural" Missions*



**UML-4:** Wide-scale on-demand, regional air transportation network



**UML-3:** Limited inter-city eCTOL networks. Limited "feeder networks" between rural areas to nearest city. Public service missions



**UML-2:** Cargo delivery to/from warehouses & distribution centers in non-urban areas. Increased utility & safety of General Aviation.

**UML-1:** No new commercial rural missions enabled.

## *Urban Missions*



**UML-4:** Increasing network of eVTOL operations to smaller vertiports in IMC. Increase in previous missions (e.g., early on-demand urban air taxi network, wide-scale, distributed small package delivery)



**UML-3:** Initial eVTOL fleet operations from urban vertiports (e.g., airport transfer, cargo delivery, initial urban air metro); Public service missions (e.g., air ambulance, disaster relief)



**UML-2:** Initial, commercial UAM flights using eVTOL, eSTOL, and eCTOL aircraft (e.g., ex-urban airport transfers, medical transport, cross-metro transfers)

**UML-1:** No new commercial urban missions enabled.

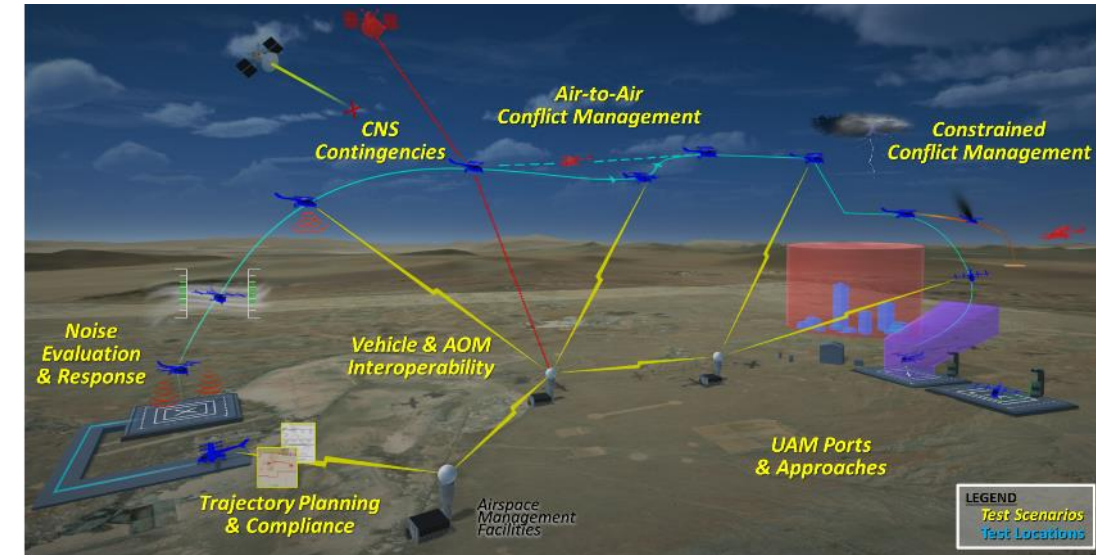


<sup>‡</sup>Enable refers to critical technologies that can be engineered to extend to other missions



# Summary

- Overall NASA UAM strategy focus: to develop a consensus “system concept” and “book of requirements & guidelines” in conjunction with the broad UAM community
  - Help to bring together all stakeholders, including industry, academia, the FAA, other government agencies, and local communities
  - Includes development of industry consensus standards, recommended practices, etc.
- The UAM Mission Office (UMO) will help coordinate ARMD efforts in UAM

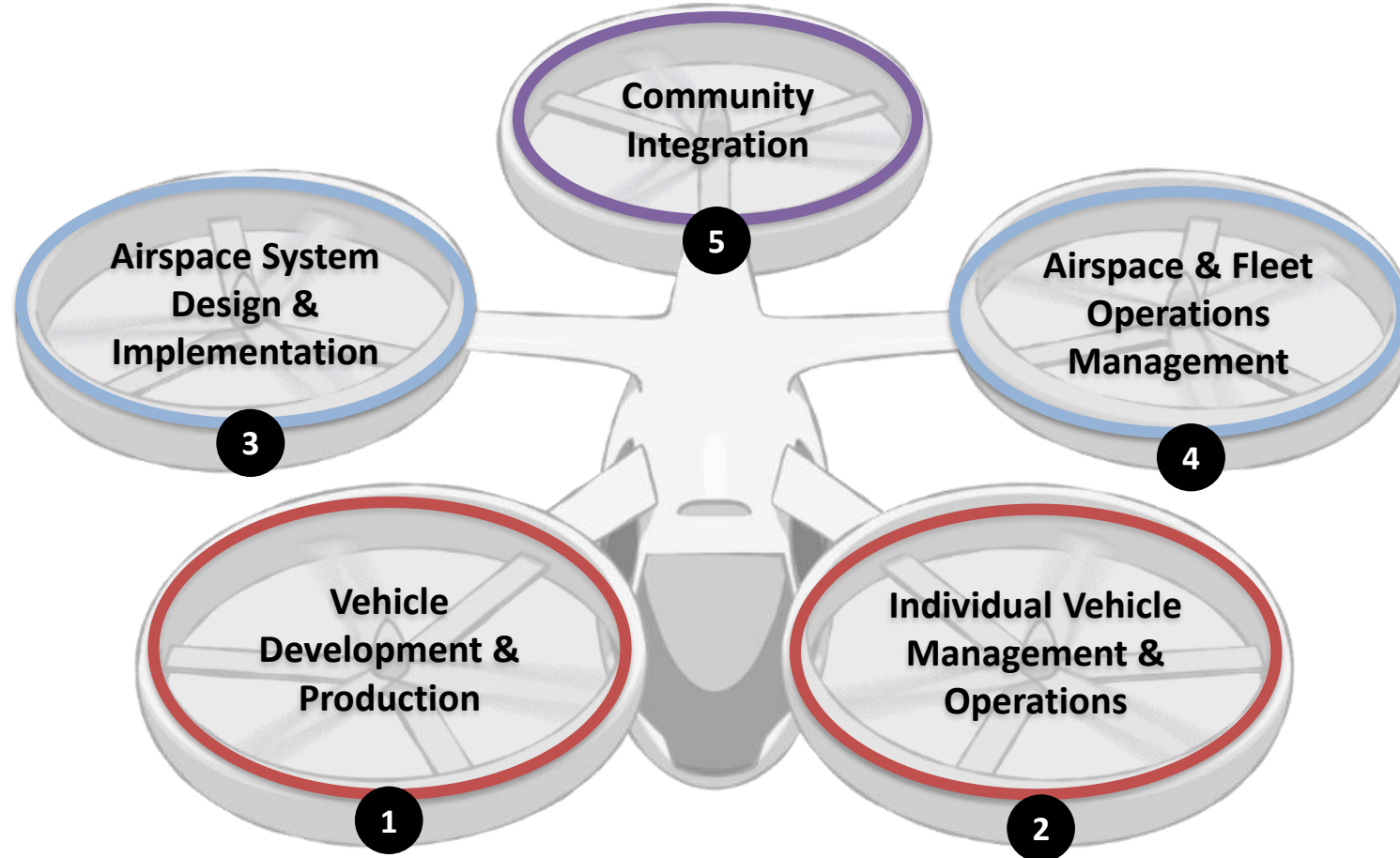






# UAM Vision and Framework

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- Airspace
- Community Integration



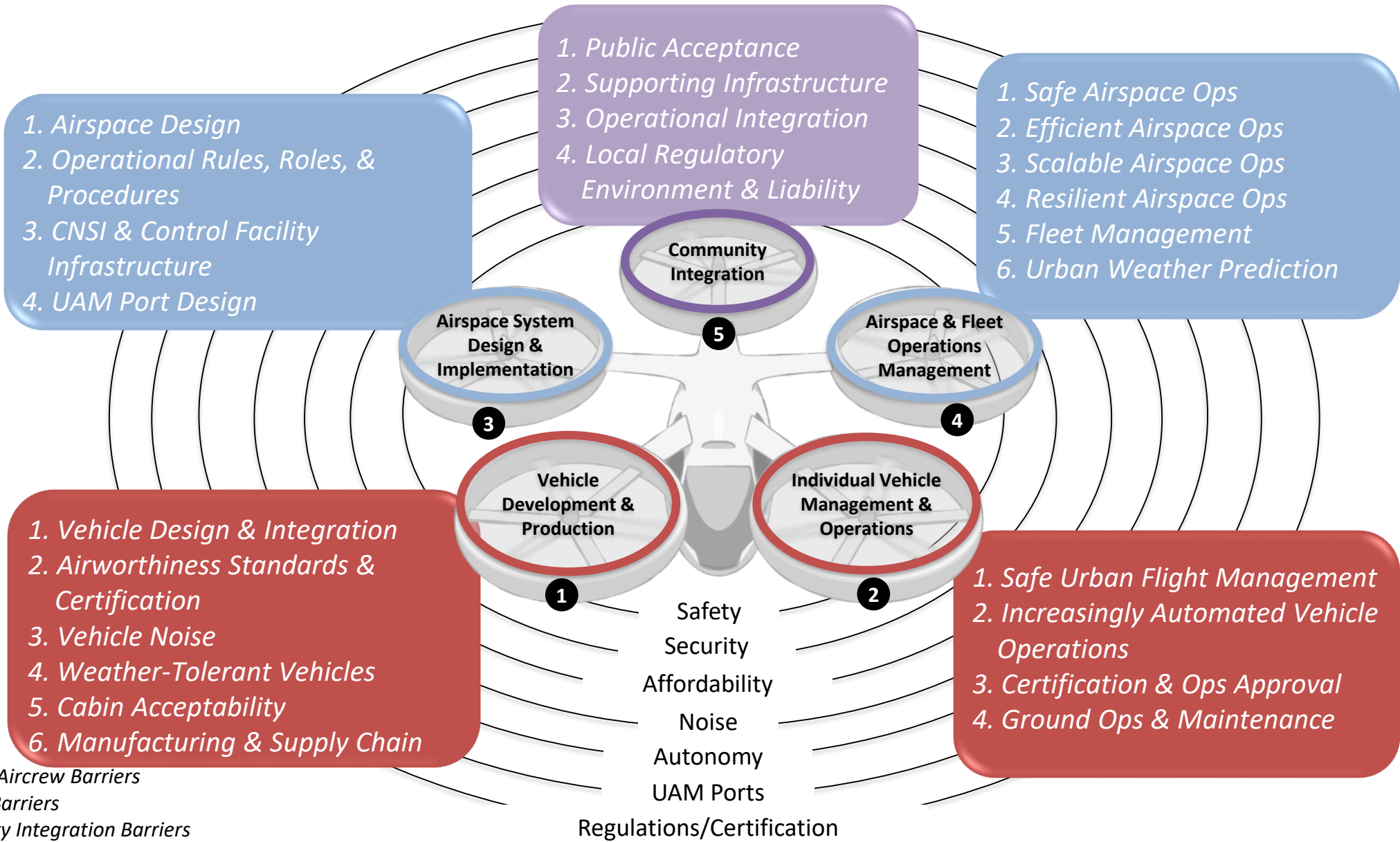
## Urban Air Mobility (UAM) Vision

Revolutionize mobility around metropolitan areas by enabling a safe, efficient, convenient, affordable, and accessible air transportation system for passengers and cargo





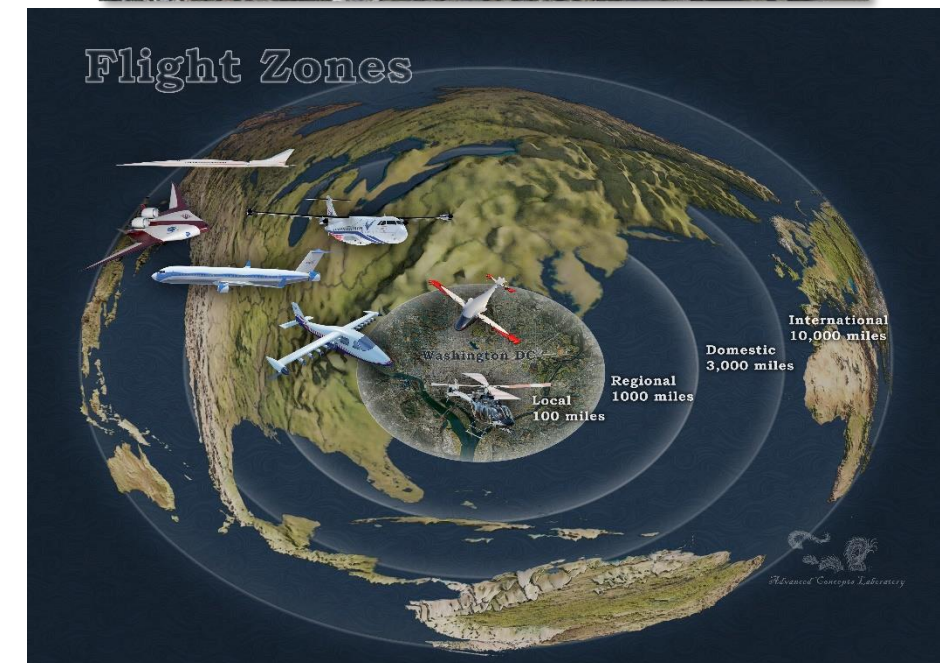
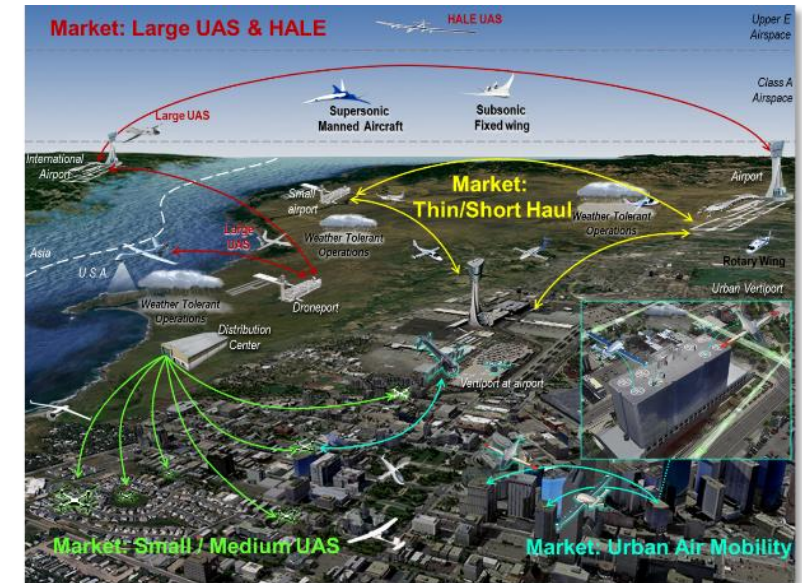
# UAM Framework and Barriers





# Terminology: UAM vs AAM vs Other

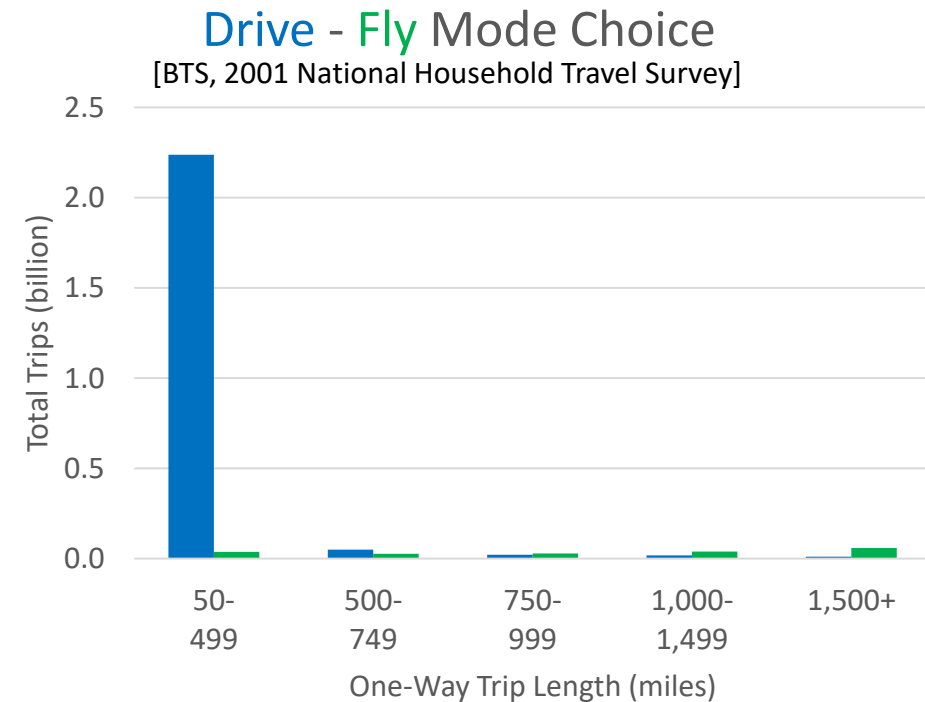
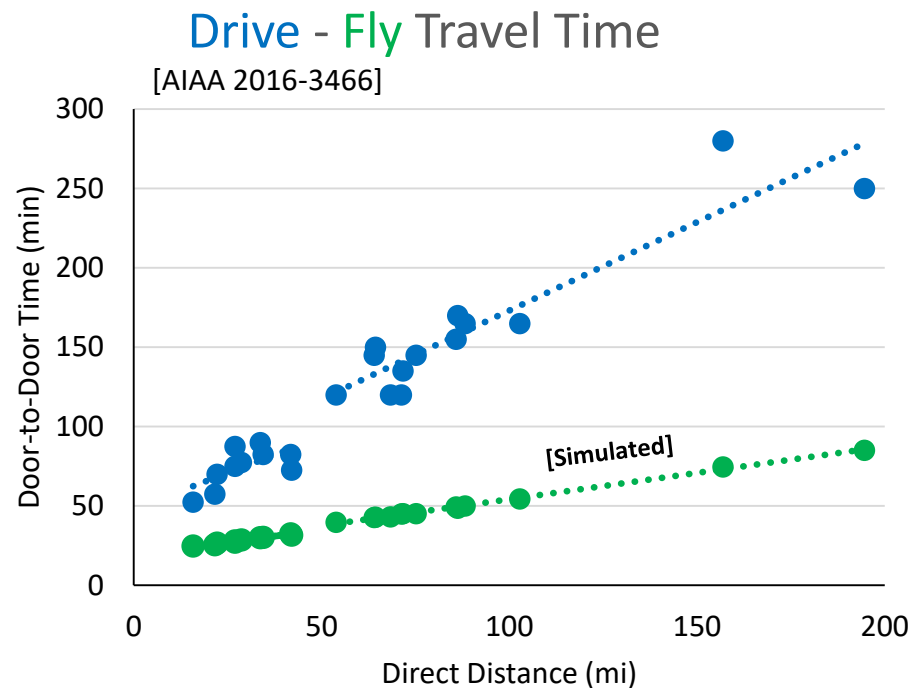
- Urban Air Mobility has a focus on metropolitan areas (which have an urban area at their core)
- “Advanced Air Mobility” to be more broad than just “urban,” but how broad is it?
  - All “emerging” aviation markets (EAM)?
    - Just “electric and autonomous” mobility (a different EAM) or also supersonics/hypersonics?
- Another Potential Option:
  - Distance
    - Local Air Mobility (up to ~100 miles)
    - Subregional Air Mobility (end of local up to ~300 miles)
    - Regional Air Mobility (end of subregional up to ~1,000 miles)
    - Transcontinental Air Mobility (end of regional up to ~3,000 miles)
    - Intercontinental Air Mobility (end of transcontinental up to  $\infty$ )
  - Operational type
    - Scheduled
    - On-Demand





# What is On-Demand Mobility (ODM)?

- Immediate and flexible air transportation
  - Users dictate trip origin, destination, and timing
  - 1-9 passengers or up to 2000 lb payload
- ~2-3x faster than cars & hub-and-spoke over ~10-500 mile range

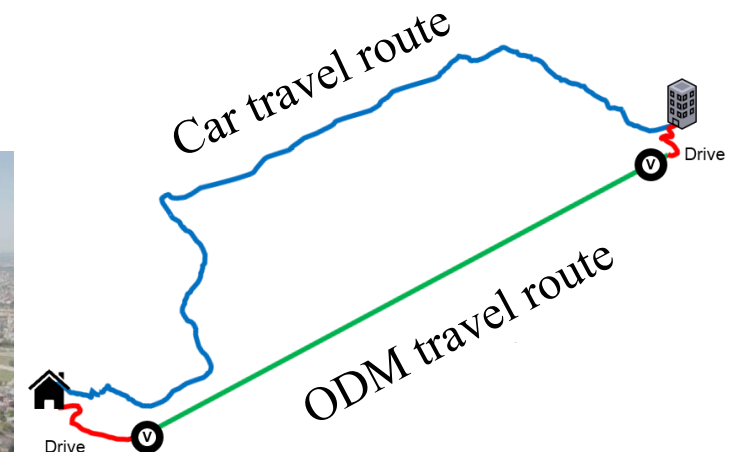






# What is On-Demand Mobility (ODM)?

- A range of missions, aircraft types, & operations
  - Enable trips that were not time/cost effective with current transport (e.g., conventional takeoff and landing commuter)
  - Alternative to car travel to avoid/alleviate city congestion (e.g., urban air mobility)
  - New, more rapid methods of cargo distribution (e.g., sUAS package delivery)
- May be enabled by the convergence of technologies including electric propulsion, increasing autonomy, and advanced NAS operations





# Prioritized Barriers to Successful ODM System Implementation

<b>Ease of Certification</b>	<b>Affordability</b>	<b>Safety</b>	<b>Ease of Use</b>	<b>Door-to- Door Trip Speed</b>
<b>Average Trip Delay</b>	<b>Community Noise</b>	<b>Ride Quality</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>Lifecycle Emissions</b>

**Prioritized order, but any barrier can limit feasibility, utility, growth**



# Metrics to Assess Progress Toward Overcoming ODM Barriers

<b>Ease of Certification</b>  Time/Cost Required	<b>Affordability</b>  Total Operating Cost/Pax Mile	<b>Safety</b>  Fatal Accidents per Vehicle Mile	<b>Ease of Use</b>  Required Operator Training Time & Cost	<b>Door-to-Door Trip Speed</b>  Equivalent Speed
<b>Average Trip Delay</b>  Time	<b>Community Noise</b>  Perceived Annoyance	<b>Ride Quality</b>  Passenger Comfort Index	<b>Efficiency</b>  Energy/Pax Mile	<b>Lifecycle Emissions</b>  Total Emissions /Pax Mile

**Barriers & metrics involve far more than direct, vehicle parameters.**





# ODM Reference Missions - highest relevance to workshop participants

Representative missions provide near- and longer-term opportunities for new technologies, vehicles, operations, & transformational capabilities

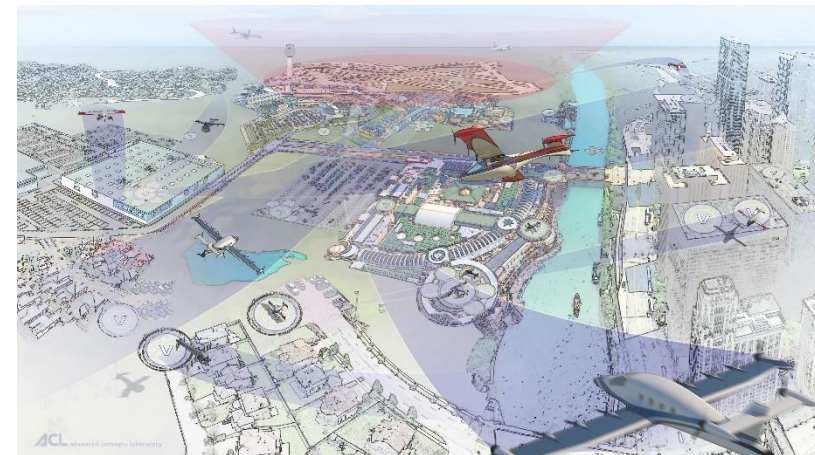
## CTOL Commuter reference mission

- 9 pax, ~400 mi, 225+ mph, single-pilot
- Moderate industry interest
- Tech scale up/down missions:
  - 1-4 PAX CTOL air-taxi / advanced GA
  - 40 PAX regional airliner



## VTOL Air-Taxi reference mission

- 4 pax, ~125 mi, 150+ mph, single-pilot/pilotless
- Strong industry interest
- Tech scale up/down missions:
  - Small public-use UAS (e.g. first responder)
  - 9 pax, VTOL commuter

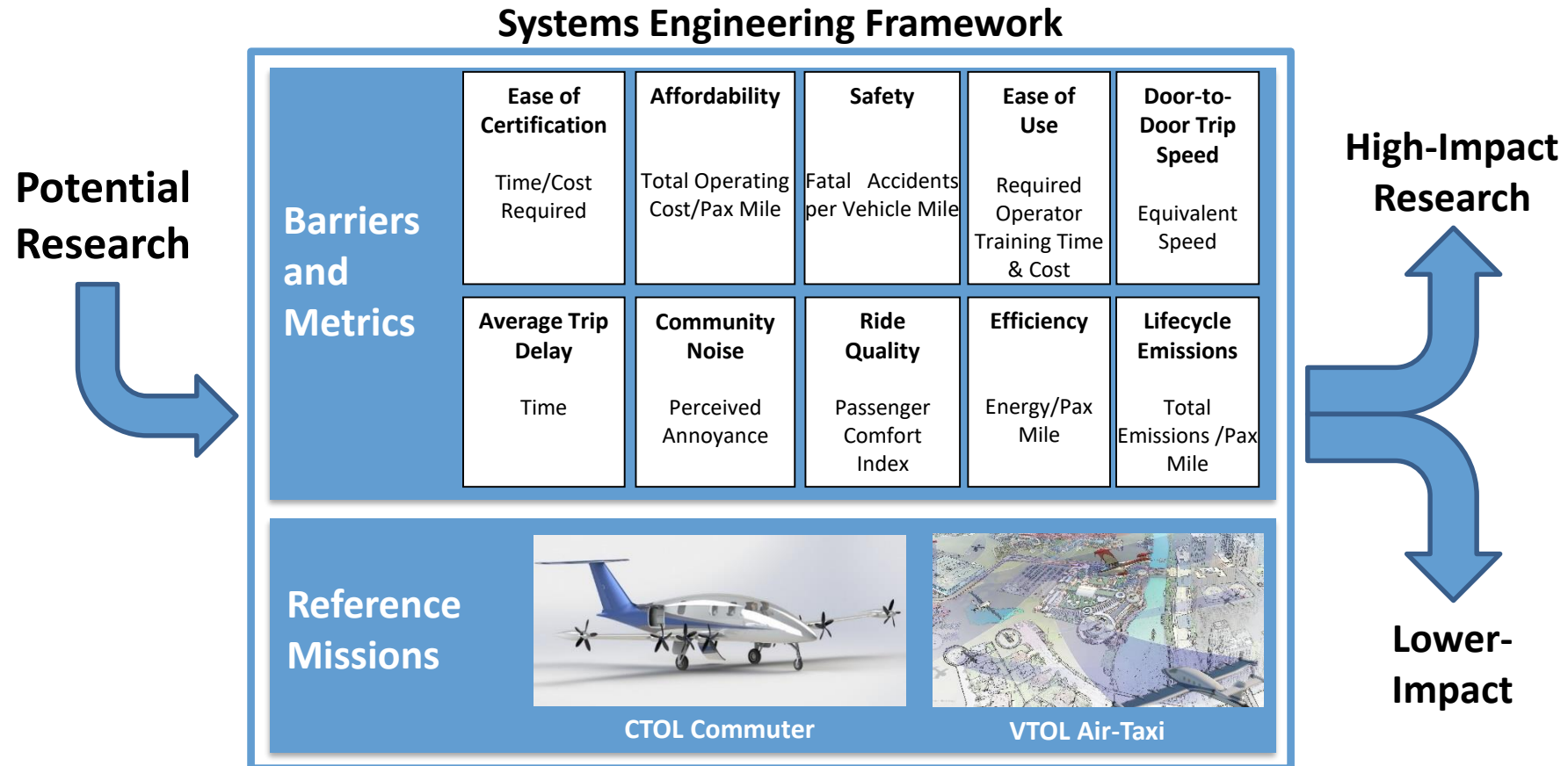




# ODM System Engineering Framework

Barriers/metrics and reference missions provide a basis for systems engineering framework to

- a) guide evaluation of various ODM system concepts and
- b) assess potential impacts of alternative technologies
- c) manage technology R&D



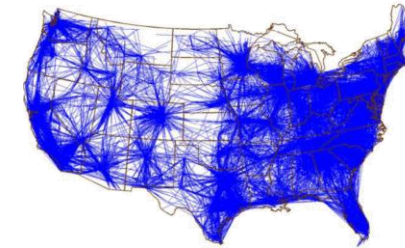
# ODM Timeline

- Mid- to Late-2000s:  
Personal Air Vehicle Sector

- 2011: Green Flight Challenge



- 2012: Zip Aviation

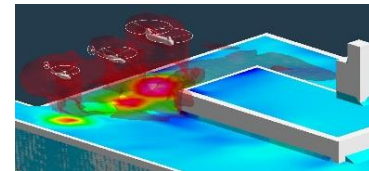


- 2013: AIAA Transformational Flight Program Committee formed



- 2012-2015: GL-10

- 2012-2014: Metropolitan Aerial Transportation System Study



- 2014-present: Transformative Vertical Flight Workshops  
SCEPTOR/X-57



- 2015-2016: NASA-FAA ODM Roadmapping Workshops  
Silicon Valley VTOL ODM Case Study





# MBSE Overview

- Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) is the “utilization of dynamic models to complete standard systems engineering tasks in order to visually represent system functionality and hierarchy”
- MBSE can be used for:
  - Reusability of system elements
  - Improved Communication
  - Centralized information database
  - Increased ability to manage system complexity
  - Scalable to the Problem
- The AAM Project was selected to be a pilot program for MBSE
- MTSI selected MagicDraw to develop the initial MBSE Architecture





# Quick History

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- UAM work growing out of multiple, parallel paths within ARMD
- Timeline:
  - 1994-2005: AGATE & SATS Programs
  - 2003-2006: Personal Air Vehicle Sector of the Vehicle Systems Program
  - 2009: Puffin Electric VTOL Concept
  - 2011: Green Flight Challenge
  - 2011-Present: UAS Integration into the NAS Project
  - 2012: Zip Aviation Study
  - 2013: Greased Lightning (GL-10)
  - 2015-2016: ODM Roadmapping Workshops
  - 2015-Present: UAS Traffic Management (UTM) Project
  - 2016-present: X-57
  - 2016: Silicon Valley Study
  - 2017-2018: UAM Market Studies
- Large growth in industry interest/investment over the past ~3 years